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Dear Parents/Carers,

Residential to Robinwood

As always, we were delighted with the uptake for our recent residential to YMT and that so many of our pupils enjoyed their short-break away! The children grew in confidence and independence throughout the stay.

With this in mind, we have been busy compiling prices and itineraries for our residentials for 2024-2025. We have calculated the prices in the most cost-effective way, taking into consideration pupils' experience to date as well as transportation costs.

Therefore, we have provisionally booked Robinwood, Barhaugh Hall, Alston, for both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils (current Year 4 and Year 5), for **Wednesday 15th January to Friday 17th January 2025**.

By enabling both year groups to participate in the residential, costs which include coach hire, are significantly reduced by over £50 per head. Please note that St. Joseph's are heavily subsidising the coach costs. As our Year 5 pupils have already attended YMT, we know that they will be suitably prepared to embark on a further adventure alongside their older peers. For those parents who would like further information – our school Facebook feed showcases some of the incredible activities and excitement that our current Year 6 cohort experienced while at Robinwood. Visit: [St. Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools, Birtley | Facebook](#) or [Barhaugh Hall - Robinwood](#) for details of what is on offer at Robinwood.

The cost of the visit is £240 per child. Please visit Arbor to make a non-refundable deposit of £60.00 by Friday 26th April 2024, to secure your child's place on the visit. You will then be able to pay further installments of £20 or more, at any time and we ask that you meet the following deadline schedule:

- A total of £120 paid by Friday 5th July
- A total of £180 paid by Friday 6th September
- Full amount of £240 paid by Friday 8th November

Please note that the date of the trip displayed in Arbor will show as 29-31st August 2024 until the new academic year goes live on 1st September, at which time, any outstanding balances will be rolled over.

We look forward to as many of our pupils as possible enjoying this once-in-a-lifetime trip to experience the delights of the Piranha Pool, rock-climbing wall, canoeing, high-ropes and orienteering, to name but a few activities, but if you envisage any problems or financial difficulties, please let us know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Swaddle.
Executive Headteacher