

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of the Redwood provision, we have been exploring different options to enhance our offer to give pupils learning opportunities outside of the classroom which in turn supports their regulation and encourages positive mental health

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We will therefore continue with the fortnightly Life skills sessions which will include going offsite and experiencing every-day opportunities such as budgeting, going to the supermarket, using public transport, the launderette, post office etc. There may be times when we stay on site for part of the session dependent on what the activity is. We will also be arranging local College visits during this time as well. More details of upcoming visits will follow in due course.

The dates for the Autumn term are:

- Wednesday 11th September
- Wednesday 25th September
- Wednesday 9th October
- Wednesday 23rd October
- Wednesday 6th November
- Wednesday 20th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Wednesday 18th December

We will either have early lunch at 12.20pm or leave site at that time dependent on the activity and the weather. The hope is to be off site as much as we can and we will return to school by the end of the Redwood day. We take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students at all times. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. The closing date is **Monday 9th September at 4pm.**

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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