

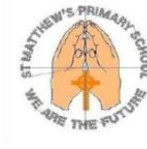
# St David's R.C. Primary

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## ST ANDREW'S, ST MARY'S, ST DAVID'S, ST MARGARET'S, ST MATTHEW'S, SACRED HEART PRIMARY

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Primary 7

### P7 Residential Cluster Camp Lockerbie Manor: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

In April 2022, our aim is for P7 to have the opportunity to attend a residential camp at Lockerbie Manor, Dumfriesshire. This is a Cluster Camp for P7s from other Catholic schools in Midlothian. There is a long established link with Lockerbie Manor and we have had successful visits to the centre for nine years. We consider school camp to be an important part of our transition programme from P7 to S1. This enables the children to meet, interact and develop new friendships ahead of their move to high school.

Further information about Lockerbie Manor and what it has to offer can be accessed at [www.manoradventure.com](http://www.manoradventure.com) - we will be completing the Outdoor Challenge experience over the week.

This year children from St Mary's, St Matthew's, St Andrew's, St David's and Sacred Heart will come together for this experience, and have the chance to meet, and make friends with other pupils whom they may come across when they move on to high school.

The cost of this camp is £328. **There is a no quibble full refund guarantee for cancellation due to COVID-19.** The children will be accommodated in Lockerbie Manor's Pod Villages, which offer a luxury camping experience for schools. Each Pod has four beds, heating and electricity with superbly fitted out toilet and shower blocks forming part of the village. As in previous years, the children will eat in the main Manor building.

Lockerbie Manor offers a variety of learning experiences and opportunities to develop independence, confidence and self-esteem and the total cost of the trip covers accommodation, meals, all outdoor tuition and the use of appropriate clothing for particular activities. We will participate in the Outdoor Challenge which includes 19 different outdoor activities.

Further information is enclosed about the cost of camp, how you can confirm a place and provides key information about what you and your child can expect.

Yours sincerely,



G McPherson

Mrs Gill McPherson  
Head Teacher

### Our Aspiration:

**We want 100% of our P7 pupils to experience school camp. This is a unique opportunity to meet new people and develop a range of life skills in a safe, challenge led environment.**

### The Cost

The cost of this camp is **£328**. The total cost of the camp includes accommodation, meals, all outdoor tuition and the use of appropriate clothing for particular activities. We have also calculated the cost of transport which is approximately £10 per child.

### Initial Interest

We ask at this point that you confirm your child's attendance at camp by **completing and returning the enclosed slip** by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

We invite **all families** to join us for a virtual meet to hear about the benefits of camp. We will send you details of this meeting soon which will take place on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

### Concerned about the cost?

We recognise that the cost of camp can be prohibitively high for some families, particularly for those who have more than one child moving into Primary 7. We would therefore ask that you **complete the enclosed slip and mark this on the form as there are a range of supports available to meet the cost of this camp**. We do not want cost to be a barrier to children attending camp and will therefore will work closely with you to overcome any issues with meeting the cost.

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals may be eligible to a grant or support to attend.

### Concerned about having to buy kit?

All necessary specialist kit is provided by Lockerbie Manor. We can however **support families with sourcing clothing** from local organisations who provide clothing to local families. Please indicate this on the enclosed form and return to school.

### Concerned about how your child will manage at Camp?

Parents/ carers can have a number of concerns or anxieties about their child going to camp. This may be your child's first experience of staying away from home or your child might be unsure about leaving you. This can be for a range of reasons including:

- your child has healthcare need or still wets the bed
- your child needs additional emotional support/ reassurance
- your child is anxious
- your child finds new situations overwhelming or challenging
- your child is unsure because he/ she doesn't know what to expect
- your child is a fussy eater

- your child finds physical activities challenging
- your child is nervous about meeting and working with new people

## Payments

The payment schedule is as follows:

- £50 non-refundable deposit to be paid no later than Friday 24th September 2021
- £60 payment to be paid on or before Friday 29th October 2021
- £60 payment to be paid on or before Friday 26th November 2021
- £60 payment to be paid on or before Friday 28th January 2022
- £60 payment to be paid on or before Friday 25th February 2022
- £48 payment to be paid on or before Friday 25th March 2022

This final payment includes the cost of the transport and any adjustments due to changes to this amount will be advised nearer the time.

You may opt to pay more than the above amounts on or before the above dates. Payments can be made weekly if you wish and families entitled to free school meals may be eligible for financial assistance.

Individual payment plans can be agreed with Mrs McPherson.

A non-refundable deposit of **£50** should be paid on or before **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**, for those who would like to join us at Lockerbie Manor. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems making the payment/s. Payments should be made via ParentPay. If you are having any difficulty with this, please speak to the school office.

## Further information

There will be an information meeting for parents and children going to camp early next year and we will advise you of the details nearer the time. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Parents/ carers of former Primary 7 cohorts have spoken highly of their child's experience at camp.

Should you wish to discuss their experience (parent to parent), please contact the school and we will be happy to link you with another parent.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mrs McPherson directly.





### A SUCCESSFUL LEARNER

showing:

- enthusiasm and motivation for learning
- determination to reach high standards of achievement
- openness to new thinking and ideas

and is able to:

- use literacy, communication and numeracy skills
- use technology for learning
- think creatively and independently
- learn independently and as part of a group
- make reasoned evaluations
- link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations



### A CONFIDENT INDIVIDUAL

showing:

- self-respect
- a sense of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- secure values and belief
- ambition

and is able to:

- relate to others and manage themselves
- pursue a healthy and active lifestyle
- be self-aware
- develop and communicate their own beliefs and view of the world
- live as independently as they can
- assess risk and take informed decisions
- achieve success in different areas of activity

A St David's  
Learner is:  
**READY  
RESPECTFUL  
SAFE**



### A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

showing:

- respect for others
- commitment to participate responsibly in political, economic, social and cultural life

and is able to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place within it
- understand different beliefs and cultures
- make informed choices and decisions
- evaluate environmental, scientific and technological issues
- develop informed ethical views of complex issues



### AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTOR

showing:

- an enterprising attitude
- resilience
- self-reliance

and is able to:

- communicate in different ways and in different settings
- work in partnership and in teams
- take the initiative and lead
- apply critical thinking in new contexts
- create and develop
- solve problems