



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and serving together."

9th July 2020

Dear Parents of current Y3 Children

Y3 (will be Y4) Braeside Residential Trip

I am writing further to our letter dated 10th December and our recent communication regarding the postponement of the Y3 June 2020 Braeside trip due to Covid-19.

We have been working hard with the manager of Braeside to re-arrange this trip in as safe a way as possible and would like to update you on our new plans for your children who will be Y4 when they return to school in September. As always, we need to follow government guidelines which do not currently permit overnight stays for schoolchildren. These rules may change before the end of the year, but in the meantime, we have decided to postpone the trip well into 2021 in order to give as much time as possible for things to return to normal. The centre has reassured us that they will be taking all the guidelines into account and will ensure everything will be as safe and secure as can be.

We did have the option to have a winter trip and for it to be simply days out to Braeside without the overnight stay, but we felt that children would miss out on the invaluable experience of staying away from home. We have therefore managed to secure new dates in May – these are: Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May. We will issue more details of confirmation nearer the time but essentially, apart from the dates and maybe the adults from school accompanying the trip, everything in the powerpoint/information booklet remain the same.

Thank you to all of you who have paid your deposits and also to those of you who have already paid in full. There are some parents who will need to pay the balance of £100 but this is not yet due. We would be grateful if you could log on to your new ParentPay account to see how to pay this balance and the date we require it. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible.

Our Braeside residential trips have always been very worthwhile for St Joseph's children where they experience exciting outdoor activities, enjoy the overnight stay and build on team-building and independence skills.

I attach a copy of the powerpoint/information booklet for your information and in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Woods or the school office.

Yours sincerely

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