



14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**To: Parents of Pupils in Years 5 and 6**

Dear Parents

***The Mill Adventure Base***  
***Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017***

This summer, Years 5-6, along with Mr Goodhead, Mrs Walker and myself, will once more be spending two nights at The Mill Adventure Base - a purpose built, urban adventure centre situated at Kings Mill Reservoir, Sutton in Ashfield. The base offers a multitude of adventure activities to suit all abilities and requirements. We have ensured that there is a different range of activities from previous years, including Slacklining, Tyrolean traverse, climbing and bush craft skills. Full safety talks and instruction are given for all of these and all equipment is provided.

Once again, we will be sleeping in Camping Pods and taking advantage of the carpeted floors, lights and a lockable front opening: much more comfortable than tents! Staff will also be sleeping in their own Pods, all within a secure area of the site. The children will be responsible for making their own breakfasts and lunches, whilst a hot evening meal will be provided each night. Although the Centre is open to other schools, all tuition and activities are organised for Hollygirt as a separate unit.

This will be a most worthwhile experience for your child academically, socially and personally. Just being away from home develops independence and self-reliance as the children have time to fall into a set routine and learn to take responsibility for themselves – e.g. getting to the activity on time, looking after their own clothes, preparing their own meals and learning to co-operate. As teachers, we feel that some of the more physically challenging activities are excellent for developing self-confidence and self-esteem, whilst the problem-solving activities are immensely beneficial in creating and maintaining a good team atmosphere.

**The cost of the trip is £142 which will be added to your next termly fees invoice.** The children will only need a small amount of pocket money for the trip, no more than £5.00 for the tuck shop.

After Easter, we shall be holding a meeting to discuss the trip in more detail. In the meantime, **please return the consent form** attached, by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Keyworth  
Year 6 Teacher



# Hollygirt SCHOOL

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Child's Name: ..... Form: .....

I agree to my child taking part in The Mill Adventure Base residential trip from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 and to their participation in the range of activities provided. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part. I understand that there is some level of risk in every activity but that this visit will be managed to minimise the risks involved.

I believe my child to be medically fit to undertake this visit.

I agree to the cost of £142 being added to my next termly fees invoice.

**Please note that this trip is not refundable and by signing the consent form you are agreeing to the cost even if your child does not take part in the visit.**

Signed: ..... Date: .....

***Please return to Mrs Keyworth by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016***