



# MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

2 May 2019

Dear Parent of Y6 Children

## **PAINTBALLING – POST-SATS TREAT – 7 JUNE 2019**

The children in Y6 have worked really hard this year towards their SATs and we could not be more proud of what they have achieved. We want to reward all of their hard work with a fantastic trip which they will enjoy and which will be a great memory for them to have from their last term in primary school. It will also give the children the opportunity to enjoy a day with their year group before they move onto secondary school.

We have therefore booked a paintballing session at Ancaster Leisure Centre for the whole year group. It will be a three-hour session, split into two parts so that all the children will be able to take part together. Goggles and protective clothing will be provided by the centre so we can only ask you to send your child to school wearing old clothing in which they will be comfortable. Suitable shoes such as trainers must be worn. School shoes are not suitable.

Please note that we have carefully checked the safety and security of this activity. It is entirely suitable for children aged 10 and 11, is fully supervised, risk assessed and approved by the Senior Leadership Team within school. We are advised that the type of paintballs used are of a new especially soft type which are not dangerous for children, and should not bruise them, if used correctly. The risk assessment from the centre is attached to this letter for your information.

We have booked this instead of the London trip as unfortunately the Houses of Parliament were only able to offer us a date during the Y6 transition week to Casterton College so were sadly unable to accept that date. No money had been requested or received from parents for the London trip.

The centre's website address is [www.ancasterkarting.co.uk](http://www.ancasterkarting.co.uk).

We will be transported to the centre by coach, leaving school at 9:30 and arriving back at school by the end of the day. Due to the success of the fiver challenge back in the Autumn term, we will be able to fund a part of the cost of the trip. We have also had a very generous amount donated to us by the PTFA to help with the cost. We are therefore only asking you to make a voluntary contribution of £17.50 towards the total cost of the trip. Under the school's new Charging and Remissions Policy, this activity is classed as optional. That means that it is not a required activity under the national curriculum. There is no obligation for parents to make a contribution and I would reassure you that no child will be excluded from this activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund this activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will be cancelled. The

deadline for payment to be received to allow for cancellation is Monday 3 June 2019.

Remissions are available for this activity if parents are in genuine financial difficulty. However, funding is limited and there is no guarantee that all requests can be met. Parents in receipt of certain benefits, such as those applicable to Free School Meals, may request assistance with the costs of activities by contacting Mrs Town at the school office in confidence at the earliest opportunity. Decisions regarding funding will be made at the discretion of the Principal on a case by case basis.

Payment and permission for this trip should be made online via Payments in Parentmail. All parents will also have to complete the centre's Declaration and a hard copy of this will be coming home with your child for you to sign and return. Unfortunately, those children whose parents have not signed a declaration will not be able to take part, and will have to stay in school for the day. Declarations will follow via your child in the next few days. The centre's H&S information and risk assessment is attached to this letter for your information.

If you have already ordered a hot meal for this day, we will swap it automatically for a pack up. If you wish to provide your own pack, please call the office to arrange a refund. As we will be out for the day, please also provide extra drinks and snacks for your child, packed in a small rucksack. Depending on the weather on the day, please also provide a coat, or sun cream. If your child has an epi-pen or inhaler in school, we will take these with us automatically. If your child requires any other medication, including travel sickness tablets, during the day, please contact your class teacher.

This is a fantastic post-SATs treat for the children and we would love to celebrate their success with them. If you do not wish your child to participate in this activity, he/she will remain in school and follow some coursework set by the Y6 teachers.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Miss Emily Dakin  
Y6 Class Teacher