



4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 7 PASTORAL DAY AT LINNET CLOUGH GIBB LANE MELLOR**

As part of our transition, we take each Year 7 form on a retreat day to Linnet Clough Scout Centre in Mellor. The pupils will enjoy a range of activities that aim to promote a caring pastoral team. This activity day aims to be educationally and spiritually valuable as well as enjoyable.

The students will leave school at 8.45 am and travel by minibus to Linnet Clough. (The transport will be provided by Elite Coaches and the school minibus). The students will return in time to catch the school buses at the end of the day. The students will be accompanied by their Form Tutor, Head of Year and Pastoral Manager. The date for each form group is as follows:

7J	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
7A	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
7M	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
7E	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
7S	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
7C	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019

The cost of the day retreat is £20 per child and we request that a non-refundable contribution is put in a named envelope, along with the completed permission slip (and medical form if not already returned) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. Our preferred form of payment is ParentPay or please make cheques payable to "St James' Catholic High School" and write your child's name, class and Linnet Clough on the back. We want all pupils to participate so if you have difficulty in contributing, please let us know.

Your child is not expected to be in school uniform however their clothing and footwear should be sensible and appropriate for physical activities (see list overleaf). Students will also require a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal the school kitchen will provide a packed lunch.

Mobile phones and electronic items are not permitted on the trip and will be confiscated. Spending money is not required. In case of emergency please contact the school on (0161) 482 6900. As with all school trips the students are expected to uphold the school's code of conduct at all times.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the opportunity to build strong relationships.

Yours sincerely

Miss G Cheshire  
Head of Year 7

Mr D Scott  
Assistant Head Pastoral



**Year 7 Pastoral Day – Linnet Clough, Mellor**

I would like my child .....Form..... to attend the Year 7 Pastoral Day at Linnet Clough, Mellor and enclose £20 to cover the cost of the trip. A subsidy is available for parents on income support, however proof of benefit will be required.

I have returned /enclosed the annual trips medical form.

My child is/is not entitled to a free school packed lunch.

Signed.....Dated.....

**Year 7 Pastoral Day - Linnet Clough**

You will require the following items:

Comfortable shoes/trainers  
Trousers/jeans which are comfortable and **not your best**  
Waterproof jacket  
Warm sweater/cardigan

Packed lunch and a drink  
Students on free school meals will receive a packed lunch prepared by the school kitchen

Essential medication  
Students who suffer from travel sickness should take the necessary precautions and also inform their form tutor

**Outline of Activities for the Day**

Coach journey from St James Catholic High School to Linnet Clough Mellor  
Group activities inside the hut at Linnet Clough  
Break in the picnic area near the hut  
Team building activities in the hut  
Lunch in the picnic area near the hut  
Team challenge in "The Cube"  
Liturgy  
Coach journey home