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19th May 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 Alternative Curriculum Day – Tuesday 21st July 2009

There will be an Alternative Curriculum Day on Tuesday 21st July 2009. Year 7 will be taking a trip to Chessington World of Adventures. This is an important opportunity for Year 7 students to celebrate the achievements of their first year at Brakenhale. The trip will leave school at 8.45am and return at approximately 5.30pm. Students who are unable to attend the trip will be expected to be present at school for the duration of a regular school day.

We ask for a voluntary contribution to the cost of the trip, which will be £25.00 per student. This includes full entry to the park, insurance and travel to and from the park. Those students who receive free school meals will get a 50% discount, making the cost £12.50. Students who hold a season pass to Chessington will need to bring their pass into school when making the payment so that it can be photocopied, bringing the cost down to £10.00, or £5.00 if they receive free school meals. This is for insurance and transport to and from the park. Cheques for these amounts should be made payable to 'The Brakenhale School'. Parents can apply for financial assistance from the school's Hardship Fund.

We appreciate that this may be a large amount of money. Therefore, students paying over £10.00 will be able to bring their money to school in two installments. The first installment, of £10.00 will need to be received on 5th June, along with the completed consent slip and Off Site Form. The full amount needs to be received by 6th July 2009.

Considering that the trip will take place at the end of July, we would ask you to prepare your child for hot weather on the day by supplying sun tan lotion, a sun hat/cap and a water bottle or sufficient money for drinks to prevent sunburn and heat stroke. Students will not be expected to wear school uniform but they may want to take a waterproof coat or a change of clothes if they wish to go on the water rides. Students should take a packed lunch as queues are often too long to purchase lunch on the day. Those students, who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a free packed lunch, which should be collected from the school dining room on the morning of the trip.

Whilst at Chessington World of Adventures, staff will always be present and in a central location but may not be directly supervising each student all the time due to the nature of the park. Students will be required to check in at regularly arranged intervals during the day. A mobile phone number will be provided to parents at a later stage in case students need to be contacted in event of an emergency.

Please complete the consent slip and the Off Site Activities form attached and return them to Student Reception. As the school cannot fund any trip entirely, visits can only go ahead if enough contributions are received to enable us to afford the visit. If a trip cannot go ahead because of insufficient donations, all money received will be returned to those who contributed. Therefore we would appreciate receiving either the full contribution or the first installment by 5th June 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school, either by phone on 01344 423041 or by email, if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Miller
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Enc: Off-Site Activities Form / Hardship Fund Application Form / Free School Meals Form



To be returned to Student Reception by 5th June 2009

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Name of Student _____ Tutor Group _____

(Please tick as appropriate)

- The above named student has permission to attend the Alternative Curriculum Day trip to Chessington World of Adventures on 21st July 2009.
- I enclose a completed Off Site Form

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'The Brakenhale School' as follows:

- £25.00 for the full amount
- £12.50 for the first installment. The remaining installment of £12.50 to be paid by 4th July
- £12.50 for students receiving Free School Meals
- £10.00 for students with a pass to Chessington (The pass should also be brought into school)
- £5.00 for students with a pass to Chessington and receiving Free School Meals (The pass should also be brought into school)

Signed: _____(parent/guardian) Date _____