



22 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**Coniston Waterpark**

From Monday 19 April 2021 will be re-introducing visits to Coniston Waterpark for both the main cabin and the nurture cabin each Monday until 07 June 2021. There our students will have the opportunity to enjoy:

- Ghyll scrambling
- Paddle boarding
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Enjoying experiences on the power boat
- Climbing wall

All of the above experiences are led by fully qualified instructors and SwitchED2 staff will also be in attendance to assist. SwitchED2 staff/pupil ratio is 1:2, this ratio is further enhanced by the Waterpark Instructors.

The aim of the programme is to help our students achieve more than they think is possible by developing confidence, raising self-esteem and increasing an awareness of self, others and the environment through positive learning experiences in new, challenging and supportive environments.

The whole team at the Waterpark have been working extremely hard to ensure the centre is COVID secure and they are ready to adapt to the visits proposed. They have invested in additional cleaning equipment and materials and are conducting regular reviews to ensure they are meeting current best practices. Like ourselves, the Water Park staff team will be testing regularly as part of the ongoing fight against rising infections. Further information including their privacy policy can be found at <http://www.waterparkadventure.co.uk/>

We will leave school at 10am to arrive at Coniston Waterpark at 10.30am, leaving at 2.30pm to ensure we are back in school by 3pm. As always, we will provide a packed lunch. During all visits, we will be travelling in the school cars (all equipped with first aid and kits and fire extinguisher). Staff and pupils will be required to wear a face mask in the car and sanitise their hands both upon arrival and on leaving.

Sanitised waterproofs are provided by the centre but please ensure your son also has a spare set of clothing and a towel with him.

The enclosed medical and consent form **must be** completed and returned to school before 19 April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Andy Coates**

**Headteacher**