

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 11th July, 2026

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 5 Child,

Year 5 Residential Trip to Arete Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon, North Wales: 1st – 5th March 2027

I am delighted to announce that we have arranged an outdoor adventure residential for Year 5 children.

The aim of this trip is to develop our children's confidence, resilience and life skills. The **Arete Centre** is fully equipped for rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, gorge walking and more. With highly skilled and qualified staff, Arete provide a tailor-made outdoor education course for our children.

The residential trip has been booked from Monday 1st March 2025 to Friday 5th March 2027. Children will leave school around 9.30am and return at 3.00pm on 5th March.

The total cost for 5 days/4 nights at Arete, including transport to and from the Centre, will be £275 (If your child is on Free School Meals/Pupil Premium the cost will be £150). School has subsidised the whole trip for all categories of children. Bidston Avenue Home School Partnership will pay for the transport costs.

Unfortunately, we are only able to offer 40 places so it will be on a first come first served basis.

We would be very grateful if you could let us know, as soon as possible, if your child wants a place on this trip. A £30 deposit will be required to confirm a place.

All payments (including the deposit) for this trip should be through ParentPay. No monies will be taken at the school reception. Please be aware that deposits are non-refundable, and if your child withdraws from the trip, you may still be required to pay the full cost of the trip.

Please sign and return the consent form by Friday 2ndth October 2026 indicating that your deposit has been paid.

Yours sincerely

S.G. Brady
Headteacher



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Please return to Year 5 Teachers

I agree to my child taking part in the Year 5 Residential to Arete in North Wales.

☐ I have paid the £30 deposit on ParentPay.

☐ My child is on Free School Meals and will require a packed lunch on Monday 1st March 2027

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Contact No.

Date