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Monday 13th June 2022.

Alnwick Castle and Gardens 'Commonwealth Games' Event. Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

I am really pleased to have just been informed that are one of just 40 schools from across Northumberland who have been successful in getting 12 places for RISE North East's 'Commonwealth Games' at Alnwick Castle and Gardens with an amazing range of fun activities across the castle and gardens on Friday 17th June within school time for free!

Events planned across the Castle and Gardens are themed (physical, social and emotional) and include:

An Eco trial, Capability Brown walk, team challenges, outdoor games, boccia, Dragon quest, cricket, archery and if the weather is nice (and spare clothes are brought) the chance to get wet in the fountains! The idea is that there are lots of activities available and the children get to choose the order of the activities and be responsible for planning their day. We also hope to attend a presentation held by the Duchess of Northumberland too!

Unfortunately, I cannot offer this to everyone, and I have to pick 12 children across all of Class 2 and Class 3. Priority will be given according to funding criteria and the charities aims:

Children who may not access events out of school due to rural isolation and lack of transport, children with SEN, children who are carers, children who are looked after, children who receive free school meals, children from single parent families, children who have confidence or self-esteem issues and would benefit from this event.

Children attending will need to wear their PE school uniform and have a change of clothes if they wish to get wet, water bottle, jacket, cap/ suncream and packed lunch in a bag that they can carry.

RISE North East are funding the day and school will fund the cost of transport using the remaining Primary Sports Budget.

Please complete the form (by Wednesday 14th June) indicating whether you do or do not wish for your child to be selected or if your child does not want to attend. If it is easier, a direct email or dojo message to me to say you do not wish for your child to attend is fine. Apologies for a tight turn around as I only received notification of our place on Thursday. However, I am sure you will agree this is a great opportunity! All children who remain in school on that day will not need a packed lunch or wear PE kit unless it is their PE day usually.

Kind regards, Belinda Athey.

To Whittingham C of E Primary School. Please delete as applicable -

I wish for my child (name) to be considered for one of only 12 places.

I do / do not give permission for my child to attend the Alnwick Castle and Gardens Event on Friday 17th June 2022 and to travel by coach to and from the event. My child will be bringing a packed lunch on that day.

Signed