ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

Whitby Trip – Parent Information Handout

Acomb Year 4 Residential – 8th –9th April 2027

Accommodation

The Whitby Youth Hostel is a historic Grade 1 listed mansion located next to Whitby Abbey. It offers stunning views over the town and coastline and provides a safe and comfortable base for children. Bedrooms sleep between 2 and 10 children and each room includes a private sink, with an ensuite bathroom available in most cases. All rooms use secure keycard wristband access.

Children from Acomb will be located in two connected private areas of the hostel. These spaces include a lounge, games room, and green outdoor area reserved for school use. While members of the public may also be staying at the hostel, the school will supervise children continuously and ensure all private areas remain secure.

Catering

Children will need to bring a packed lunch for Day 1. After arrival, all meals are fully catered by the Youth Hostel, including an evening meal, breakfast, and lunch on Day 2. Meals are served in the hostel's café-style dining room. Although the space is shared, staff will be present at all times and the group will likely have the dining area to themselves during the evening.

The hostel accommodates all dietary requirements. A more detailed meal plan will be shared with families closer to the trip. The school will also provide snacks and drinks following the evening activity.

Activities

Activities have been chosen to enrich the curriculum—particularly the science topic on rocks and the geography unit on coasts—while ensuring children enjoy a memorable and engaging residential experience.

Activities include:

- A guided visit to Whitby Abbey, including the ruins and museum
- Exploring St. Mary's Church
- A visit to Whitby Museum to support history and science learning

- Fossil hunting at Saltwick Bay, supported by staff with coastal knowledge
- Evening group activities designed to build teamwork and independence

Proposed Timetable

Day 1:
• 10:15 – Arrive & snack
• 11:00 – Visit to Whitby Abbey
• 12:30 – Lunch
• 13:15 – Walk to St. Mary's Church & town exploration
• 15:00 – Whitby Museum
• 16:30 – Free time in rooms
• 17:45 – Evening meal
• 18:45 – Evening activity
• 20:00 – Bedtime

Day 2:
• 07:00 – Wake up & pack bags
• 07:30 – Breakfast
• 08:30 – Walk to Saltwick Bay
• 09:00 – Beach art & fossil hunting
• 11:45 – Lunch
• 13:00 – Depart hostel
• 14:20 – Return to school

Kit List

A full kit list will be provided nearer the time, but key items include:
• Waterproof coat suitable for coastal weather
• Two pairs of outdoor shoes (walking shoes AND a separate pair for the beach)
• Toiletries, towel, and toothbrush
• Warm layers for outdoor activities and coastal wind
• A small suitcase (e.g., carry-on size)
• A labelled water bottle
• Optional: small soft toy, reading book, disposable camera

Children should not bring electronic devices, money, or valuables.

Payment

The total cost of the trip is £80 per child, which includes accommodation, meals, activities, museum entry, and transport. A generous subsidy from the Friends of Acomb Primary has helped to reduce the overall cost.

A £10 deposit, payable via ParentPay, is due by Friday 16th October. The remaining balance can be paid in instalments over the coming months, with the full amount due before departure.

If payment is a concern, families are encouraged to contact the school. Support is available, and the school is committed to ensuring that no child misses out.