

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has been great to see the new Year 7 start at Farlingaye and I have really enjoyed trying to get to know them over these first few days.

As part of the school's drive to make our new Year 7 students feel welcome at Farlingaye and to foster a sense of belonging amongst the year group, I am writing to you with regards to an opportunity for your child to visit Clip 'n Climb in Ipswich. The focus of this morning will be building self-confidence and encouraging teamwork and new friendships, whilst improving students' self-esteem. Students will attend the session with their tutor group offering a great opportunity for them to get to know each other better as well as the chance to celebrate completing their first few weeks at Farlingaye.

Whilst at Clip 'n Climb, students will have both climbing and team building sessions. On the day of their trip, students should come to school in their PE kit. Tutor groups will travel to and from the venue by coach departing school at 9.00 am and returning to school for 1.00 pm in time for lunch. Food brought from home cannot be consumed at Clip 'n Climb so please either ensure your child has had a substantial breakfast before school or has been provided with some money to buy snacks at the venue.

The dates of the trips will be as follows:

Monday 30th September	7R & 7L
Tuesday 1st October	7F & 7N & 7H girls
Wednesday 2nd October	7I & 7S
Thursday 3rd October	7Y & 7E
Friday 4th October	7A & 7G & 7H Boys

Please note that if your child is in 7H the form has been split, with the girls going on Tuesday and the boys going on Friday.

For the trip to run we will require parents to give a voluntary contribution of £25 per student. This will cover the activities at Clip n Climb, transport, and insurance costs. If we do not receive enough money to cover the cost, the main one being the coach and activities at Clip n Climb, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

This will need to be paid via ParentPay. Due to the date of the trip, there will be a tight turnaround, with the payments being due on **Friday 27th September**.

When making a payment on ParentPay, you are consenting to the following:

- I consent to my child taking part in this activity and acknowledge that the staff will be liable in the event of any accident only if they have failed to take reasonable care of my child during the visit.
- I consent to my child receiving medical treatment, which in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary.
- I confirm that the medical/contact information held by the school for my child is up to date.

Please note if you have not yet returned the single consent form from your registration pack, this needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

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We would very much like for all Year 7 students to be able to participate in this trip, so please do contact us if there is any issue with payment as we may be able to help with the cost. You can contact be via email at henright@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk or by phoning the school.

Parents should note that it is school policy that participation on a trip will be dependent on staff feeling confident that your child will behave appropriately. In particular, poor behaviour between now and the date of the trip is likely to result in your son/daughter being withdrawn from the trip. The decision of the headteacher on this matter is final.

I am hopefully that this will provide a great experience for the students and will form part of a great first year at Farlingaye.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's form tutor.

Yours faithfully,

Miss H Enright
Year 7 Learning Co-ordinator

