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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**MAKE THE DIFFERENCE: Scripture Union Holiday
Sunday 30th July – Saturday 5th August 2022**

We are looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to St Anselm's School. We trust that they will enjoy a happy holiday with us. St Anselm's is a preparatory school, on the hill looking down on the village of Bakewell. The school consists of a number of buildings including a sports hall, indoor swimming pool and some newly refurbished dormitories. It is set in extensive grounds, with excellent outdoor sports pitches, fields and beautiful views over the Derbyshire countryside.

The following information is for your guidance:

ADDRESS: SU Make the Difference holiday, c/o St Anselm's Preparatory School, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1DP

TELEPHONE: For **emergency** use only: 07801 353 669 (Nicola) or 01629 812734 (the school)

ACTIVITIES/ETHOS:

We aim to provide a great, fun holiday where we combine the principles of "Sticky Faith" (stickyfaith.org) and Mentoring relationships to help the young people explore and grow their faith and gifts in a supportive environment where they can also try out the practical outworking of their gifts. We hope that the effects of the learning and experiences that happen on Make the Difference will be sustainable and long lasting and the young people explore future leadership opportunities at their church.

During the week there will be plenty of opportunities for your son/daughter to get stuck in and help lead some of the activities on Spot the Difference (our sister holiday for 8-11 year olds). Alongside this there will be time for them to have their own activities with a day at a theme park.

CONTACTING HOME: The young people on Make the Difference are free to bring their mobile phones if they wish, but it will be made clear that they are not to interfere with the smooth running of the holiday and they will have to abide by our rules regarding photographs, video, other children and social networks. The children that are attending Spot the Difference are not allowed phones during the week, so we also ask that the young people do not lend their phones to any of the children or make it awkward for the 8-11 year olds.

TRAVEL: Please note that the Holiday fees do **not** include travel fares to & from the holiday. Please arrange for your son/daughter to arrive on site about 2pm on Sunday 30th July.

On Saturday 5th August the holiday ends with a final celebration service between 10.45am & 11.45am to which you are invited. Please help us by collecting your son/daughter promptly.

Please notify us of any travel arrangements **NO LATER THAN 20th July**, to Nicola at the above email address. Lifts to/from Chesterfield train station can be arranged.

LUGGAGE: A kit list is also on our website. Please make sure that your son/daughter has a pair of soft shoes or trainers for wearing indoors and a pair of sturdy shoes for walking on country paths and getting muddy. Please send a *sleeping bag or duvet and sheet* and a pillowcase. A waterproof jacket is essential.

INFORMATION & HEALTH FORM: Please login to your SU account to fill this in. **Please fill in the information required and ensure that this is done by 20th July.** We have qualified first-aiders on the team. If there is any information about a medical condition which occurs nearer to the time of the holiday, about which we would need to know, please send information about this to the above address or send any updated information with your son/daughter. If your child requires any medication, please send all medicines clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage. Please indicate whether your child suffers from asthma and what medication he/she requires. Make sure he/she remembers the medicine or inhaler when they come on the holiday. As you will appreciate, it is vital for us to have a reliable emergency contact telephone number so we can contact you during the holiday. In addition to the school's number for our emergency contact we have included a mobile number with voicemail facility. You can also contact us through www.spotthedifference.org.uk or nicolac@scriptureunion.org.uk.

It is our intention to have a 'banquet' on one of the evenings of the holiday! If your son/daughter wants to bring "posh attire(!)" to wear especially for that, they are welcome to do so, but they can also join in with making party outfits with the Spot the Difference children!

Do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything about these arrangements that is not clear. If you wish to speak or write to us, we can be contacted at the address above until 28th July or by phone or email after this. We anticipate an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to meeting your teenager (or seeing them again!).

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Hughes &

Steve & Nicola Clarkson

(Holiday leaders)