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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Scripture Union Primary Holiday
Sunday 30th July – Saturday 5th August 2023**

We are looking forward to welcoming your child 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 Spot 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)

TRAVEL: Please note that the Holiday fees do **not** include travel fares. Please arrange for your child to arrive on site between 2pm and 2.30pm on Sunday 30th July. Please try to avoid being *too* early because we will still be preparing things!

On Saturday 5th August the holiday ends with a final celebration service from 10.45am-11.45am, to which you are invited. Please help us by collecting your child promptly.

If you are getting the train, the nearest station is Chesterfield. We are happy to come and collect you. Please let us know what time your train arrives on the 30th July and what time you will need to be back at the station for on 5th August.

LUGGAGE: A kit list is also on our website. As far as possible, please see that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please make sure that he/she 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. We do not allow children to have mobile phones on the holiday, so please do not send one with your child.

INFORMATION & HEALTH FORM: Please log in to your SU account and fill this in. **Please fill in the information required and ensure that this is done by 20th July.** Please tell us about any physical or mental health issues which would be helpful for us to understand in order to provide the best care for your child. 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 email the information to us. **If your child is known to suffer from travel sickness or bed-wetting please mention it on the health form and please send a plastic cover to completely fit a 6'x3' bed and 2 pairs of sheets rather than a sleeping bag or duvet.** 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; nicolac@scriptureunion.org.uk or Twitter @SUSpotTheDiff.

ACTIVITIES: A full programme of walks, excursions and other activities is planned. It would be a good idea if your child could bring a book to read and a favourite (quiet!) game to play in any spare time. Please include a set of clothes and shoes which your child can get muddy and swimming things if your child wishes to swim. There will be a qualified lifesaver present when the children are swimming but if your child is likely to feel insecure in the water please let us know.

POCKET MONEY: A maximum of £15 pocket money will be more than enough for personal needs: tuck; small souvenirs; gifts; postcards... (All entrance fees, etc. are covered in the price of the holiday). There will be a tuck shop on the holiday. All money brought by the children should be deposited in the holiday bank on arrival and they will be able to withdraw their money when we go out on trips, and the onsite tuck shop will run a 'direct debit' system.

CONTACTING HOME: Please ensure that your child is given a stamped addressed postcard or paper & an S.A.E. to send to you during the holiday. We will encourage them to write to you after the first couple of days. The children always appreciate letters from home. We discourage children from making calls home as this often hinders the settling in process. For this reason **we do not allow mobiles/smart watches**. Please make sure your child is aware of this and understands the reasons for it. Please could you only phone in the event of an emergency. Of course, for any special occasions, such as a birthday, other arrangements will be possible! Email us soon so we can put more cakes, candles and decorations on our shopping list!

We are hoping to hold a zoom call the week or so before the holiday so we can meet everyone and they can know who to look out for when they arrive. We will email you details about this.

We are planning to hold our famous 'banquet' on one of the evenings of the holiday! If your child wants to bring something to wear especially for that, they are welcome to do so, but we will be creating suitable party attire so don't worry if you can't think of anything!

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 are expecting an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to meeting your child (or seeing them again!).

Yours faithfully,

Steve & Nicola Clarkson

(Holiday leaders)