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Dear Parent /Carer,

We have been given the opportunity for a group of Year 6 pupils to form a 'bouldering' team to take part in the 'Sheffield/Greater Sheffield Primary Schools Bouldering Competition 2024'. Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in the competition.

The qualification round will take place on **Friday 2nd February 2024** at 'The Climbing Works' climbing centre, 150 Little London Road, in Sheffield. During the qualification round, children will attempt twelve 'boulder problems' in teams of 6. We hope to take up to three teams of 6 to the qualification round, which is run by the Climbing Works' coaching team as an instructed climbing session.

The mini-bus will leave school just after 12pm and the climbing session will run from 1-3pm. We will aim to be back for the end of the school day as normal, but if we are going to be late, the office staff will let you know. If 6 of our climbers get the highest scores and we qualify, the Bouldering Competition Final for the 6 highest scoring members of the team will take place on the 28th March 2024.

Children taking part in the Bouldering Competition will need to wear loose comfortable clothing (e.g. tracksuit bottoms/ leggings and t-shirt) and a warm layer such as a jumper, and bring a water bottle and packed lunch, as we will be leaving at the start of lunchtime. The children will eat lunch early before we leave. They will also need to bring any medication they require for the day, clearly labelled. The Climbing Works will provide all children with a pair of climbing shoes for the session. Please ensure that the school office has your latest contact details and all medical information is up to date. There is no cost associated with this trip.

The emergency contacts for the visit will be the members of staff in the school office. If the visit is unable to go ahead we will let parents know via email. Please note your child may be photographed as part of the trip and their photo may be used to promote the event (possibly on the internet) or to celebrate back in school. If you do not wish your child to be photographed please inform us on the return slip.

Please note that although the session will be led by qualified instructors, who take all the necessary safety precautions, there is still risk of injury when participating in any climbing event. Therefore, the Climbing Works have asked us to make you aware of the following before giving consent for your child to take part:



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Participants taking part or guardians of those attending one of our sessions need to be aware of the following risks.

- *Climbing is movement at height and there is a risk that you could slip & fall at any time*
- *The soft matting under the bouldering walls does not make the activity safe. Broken and sprained limbs are common. Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others, and even a well-controlled jump from height can result in injury. You must make your own assessment of the risks whenever you climb.*
- *Climbing holds can spin or break. This can cause you to fall unexpectedly and increases the risk of injury.*

In addition, the Climbing Works asks you to note that by allowing your child to climb at this facility you acknowledge this statement by the British Mountaineering Council.

"The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of serious injury or death."

Please be assured that both teaching staff and the instructors will give safety briefings and rules before the children climb.

The number of children we are allowed to enter into the competition is strictly limited to 18 by The Climbing Works. **Therefore, if there is a popular response to the competition, places will be allocated by drawing names out of a hat.** Please return your child's slip by Thursday 25th January at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Wing

Bouldering Competition Qualification Round – Friday 2nd February 2024
Please return to Mrs H Wing (3PW) by Thursday 25th January 2024

Pupil's Name _____ Class _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Bouldering Competition at the Climbing Works on Friday 2nd February 2024.

I understand that my child may be photographed to promote/celebrate the event and I agree to this.

Name of Parent _____ Signature _____

Is there any medical information you would like to inform the school about which is in addition to the information we already hold? YES/NO (If yes please state on reverse)