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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been invited to take part in Cumbria Children's University. The scheme, which is part of the National Children's University recognises and rewards children for all the voluntary learning they do outside of normal school hours. Children can take part in validated activities in school and on family trips to learning destinations in Carlisle and across the country. Local learning destinations include; Tullie house, Carlisle Castle, Halfords, Talkin Tarn, Whinlatter forest, Carlisle Library and many more.



Children's University students use Passports to Learning in which they record the number of hours of completed learning activities. Children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on the number of hours of attendance at validated activities, and bronze, silver and gold certificates are awarded at a special graduation ceremony.

Participation in the scheme will encourage children to take part in a wide variety of learning opportunities, it will give families great ideas for places to visit at weekends and in the holidays, it will give children a greater understanding about higher education and will encourage children to start thinking about their future. The scheme is being offered to all our pupils this year..

To take part in the scheme your child needs a Passport to Learning which costs £3. They will also receive regular updates on events at local learning destinations and school based CU activities, certificates to reward their participation and invitations to a free annual graduation event (for those with a minimum of 30 hours achievement) which parents can also attend.

If you would like your child to take part in the programme please sign the form below and return it to the school office in a sealed envelope, which should also contain £3 to cover the joining fee and passport. For more information you can speak to me or look at the following website:

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely

Helen Hepworth

I give consent for my child to take part in the Cumbria Children's University and enclose the £3 joining fee.

Child's name: _____

Child's class: _____

Signature: _____

This letter is also available on the website

