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Y5/6 Summer Residential Trip to Conover Hall



Dear Parent,

In accordance with our residential trip programme, I am pleased to confirm that we have made arrangements to take for our Y5/6 classes on a residential activity weekend to Conover Hall in Shropshire from **7th to 10th July 2017**.

Residential courses organised by schools are an invaluable part of a child's primary education. There are many benefits of these opportunities to spend a short amount of time away from home with friends and familiar staff. In particular, the Government highlights the beneficial effects of learning outside the classroom and the positive impact these courses and trips have on children's learning progress.

Residential trips and learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges where children can learn to work together in teams, develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated.

We have visited Conover Hall on two previous occasions and we can confirm that it has a very good reputation for offering quality residential educational learning courses. We are enclosing a leaflet about Conover Hall for your information. You can also visit their website at www.ica-adventure.co.uk. In addition to the residential experience, the fully trained and qualified instructors at Conover Hall, with the support of school staff, will provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment. In addition to the activities listed below, all children will have the opportunity to participate in one watersports session.



Some of the activities available are for the children include:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Body Zorbing
- Fencing
- Condover Crusade
- Zip Wire
- Survival Extreme
- High Ropes
- Tri Golf
- Nature Trail



I am pleased to advise you the Governors have agreed to support parents with the cost of this residential trip. **The total cost of the visit is £169.00.** For siblings and children eligible for free school meals the cost will be £149.00. This price Includes full board accommodation, insurance, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance. The school is funding the transport costs to keep the parental contribution to this trip as reasonable as possible for everyone. Payments can be made in instalments between now and July 2017.

I do hope that your child/children are able to join us on the trip. If you wish to book a place/s, please complete the attached slip and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 8th July 2016. **A deposit of £20 will be payable by Friday 15th July 2016 with the balance payable by instalments between September 2016 and July 2017. When we have received your deposit and booking confirmation, a further letter will be sent with a payment card and full details of how to make future payments for the visit over the coming year.**

I will be providing an opportunity later in the year for you to join us for a full and detailed information presentation about the visit. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Bloor, or myself if you have any questions in connection with this letter.

We look forward to receiving your booking forms in the near future.

Kind regards

Carol Hines

Headteacher





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I/We wish to book a place for my/our child/children:

Name/s of child/children:

Class/es:

I understand that a deposit of £20 is payable by Friday 15th July 2016 with the balance payable before the trip in 7th July 2017.

Name of parent:

Date:

