



19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that we are organising a three-day residential educational adventure activity course at JCA's flagship centre, Conover Hall (near Shrewsbury), in June 2019.

The Year 6 outdoor educational visit has always been a popular event. Residential courses organised by the school are an optional, but invaluable, part of the National Curriculum. As you can imagine, this is quite a considerable undertaking by the staff prepared to take your child away on a residential visit, but it is one that we feel very strongly is worth making. The visit to Conover Hall offers the chance to see others in a different light; many preconceptions are overcome and new friendships forged during the stay. The positive repercussions, whether to do with greater independence, improved organisation or enhanced self-confidence, are far-reaching and reinforce essential life and social skills in readiness for the rigours of KS3.

We would like to offer this opportunity to the present Year 5 cohort of children. The residential study experience will take place from **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Unfortunately, the costing is not straightforward due to recent changes in the funding of Outdoor Education. However, since your child is in receipt of Free School Meal funding, the school has already covered a large proportion of the full cost per pupil. This means that the cost to you will be £45 which will contribute towards insurance, coach travel from school to the centre and return, full board accommodation in dormitories and a full programme of activities led by fully qualified instructors during the daytime and evenings.

To confirm our school booking, Conover Hall requires an initial **non-refundable deposit of £10 which will need to be paid through ParentPay by Tuesday 3rd July 2018 to secure a place for your child**. If a deposit is not received by this date, late payment cannot be accepted and, unfortunately, your child will not be able to participate.

Please note Conover Hall has requested a **second interim non-refundable deposit of £10 to be paid by Friday 7th September 2018**, leaving a balance of £25.



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We are very aware that some parents may find it difficult to fund this visit. Therefore we propose a flexible payment plan to help spread the cost of the trip and recommend 5 monthly instalments of £5 payable between October and March.

This is only a suggestion but please note that **the trip must be paid for in full by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

We wish to make clear that Condover Hall is operated by JCA who are part of the Tui group of companies. As with family holidays, cancellations before certain dates prior to the visit will incur a sliding scale of additional costs.

**To register your interest and secure a place for your child, please make payment of your initial non-refundable deposit and return your permission slip to school by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at the latest.**

More information regarding medical forms and kit required for the visit will be given out during a parents' information at the start of the Summer term in 2019. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any queries and please take time to check out the informative powerpoint and exciting video links to Condover Hall on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Wright & Mrs C Ashelford

KS2 Leader Y6 teacher

Let the adventure begin!





## Year 6 Condover Hall Residential Visit: 26<sup>th</sup>-28th June 2019

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend Condover Hall.

I am in receipt of Free School Meals for my child and will pay £10 as a non-refundable deposit via ParentPay by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**, a second non-refundable deposit of £10 by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018** and will pay any outstanding balance via ParentPay by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (person with parental responsibility)