



19th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that we are organising a five-day residential educational adventure activity course at Laches Wood (near Coven), in October 2017.

This 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 Laches Wood 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 Year 6 and KS3.

We would like to offer this opportunity to the present Year 5 cohort of children. The residential study experience will take place from Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October 2017.

Whereas in previous years, the Outdoor Education Centres would have subsidised the cost per pupil, this is now not possible. The visit must be self-funding and as a result, the cost of £245 per child will need to be met solely by parents. The total cost of the visit includes full board, accommodation in dormitories and a full programme of activities led by fully qualified instructors. The PTA has very kindly, agreed to contribute towards the cost of the coaches to help bring the total amount down.

To confirm our school booking, Laches Wood require an initial 30% **non-refundable deposit of £80 which will be required by Friday 14th October 2016**. If a deposit is not received by this date, late payment cannot be accepted and, unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend this visit.

Refunds on the balance will only be issued should your child be unable to attend the camp due to illness (confirmed by your GP) or, alternatively, be sent home from camp due to illness. No refunds will be given if a pupil decides simply not to go or is not allowed to attend or sent home because of unacceptable behaviour.

We are very aware that some parents may find it difficult to fund this visit and, therefore, we propose a flexible payment plan to help spread the payment for the trip. We recommend the following instalments to be received by the school by the end of each month.



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January	£25
February	£25
March	£25
April	£25
May	£25
June	£25
July	£15

This is only a suggested amount, with a little flexibility, as long as the total amount of the trip is paid for, in full, by Friday 8th September 2017.

Please make payment of your initial non-refundable deposit and return your permission slip to school by Friday 14th October 2016 at the latest.

More information regarding medical forms and kit required for the week will be given out during a parents' information at the start of the new academic year in 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Wright

KS2 Leader





Year 6 Laches Wood Residential visit – October 2017

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to attend Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre.

- I will pay £80 as a non-refundable deposit by **Friday 14th October** and will pay any outstanding balance via ParentPay by **Friday 8th September 2017**.
- I intend to pay the balance in full.

(Please delete as necessary)

Name: _____ (print)

Signed: _____ (person with parental responsibility)