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20th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Residential Trip to Conover Hall, Shropshire – 16th-19th September 2018

We are very excited to announce that we have provisionally booked a four day (3 nights) residential visit to Conover Hall in Shrewsbury for Year 5 and 6 from Sunday 16th September to Wednesday 19th September 2018. We feel very fortunate to have secured a booking at a reasonable cost as it is an extremely popular venue with school groups.

It is well known that residential courses, organised by schools, are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. The Government has stated the beneficial effects of learning outside the classroom and the impact this has on a child's progress that such courses provide. Learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges, children will learn to work together as a team, 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 under estimated.

At Conover Hall, fully trained and qualified instructors, with the support of school staff, provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment. The activities available include: indoor, outdoor, water and inspirational activities. The specific activities will be confirmed closer to the date. The total cost of the visit to Conover Hall will be approximately £200 and this includes full board accommodation, transport from the school to the centre and return, all instruction and activities, equipment & safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance. We have also organised a deal to get a third day, including watersports for this trip. It's an excellent opportunity. The actual price will be confirmed in October but will not differ greatly (if at all) from the above.

If you would like more information please visit their website: www.jca-adventure.co.uk

In order for us to proceed with this trip we need to have an accurate idea of numbers. Please complete the slip attached, indicating your interest and your deposit, to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 20th September. A further letter will then be sent home detailing how to pay by instalments for the balance.

However, if there is not enough interest in this trip it may be necessary to cancel it. If you are a parent/carer on a low income, and in receipt of benefits, please speak to the Sharnie La Riviere, in confidence.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr D Barker

**REPLY SLIP FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. D. BARKER – CONDOVER HALL RESIDENTIAL – 16th – 19th
SEPTEMBER 2018**

Child's Name: Class:

- I/we are interested for my child to visit Condover Hall
- I/we enclose £40 First Deposit payment (cash, cheque)
- I/we have paid £40 First Deposit payment via on-line sQuid Payment Account.

Signed: Date:
(Parent/Carer)

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