

Gorsemoor Primary School

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Proposed Visit to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre September 2018

Dear Parent(s),

Historically, we have taken all Year 5 children to Laches Wood Outdoor Activity Centre during the late part of September/early October. I appreciate that this is very early notice, but under the current economic climate, I wanted to give parents the opportunity and decide if they would like their child to participate in the trip when they are in Year 5, in 2018.

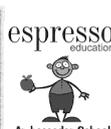
Whilst at the centre, the children will take part in outdoor activities that will cover a part of the P.E. Geography and Science National Curriculum. It is planned that the children will spend 5 days, including four nights, at the centre. The centre is situated in the south of the County near Brewood and offers excellent facilities for outdoor education. The children will sleep in dormitories and will have three members of teaching staff from Gorsemoor resident in the centre as well as three TAs. There are also experienced centre instructors and staff, who, along with Gorsemoor staff, plan the activities for the children.

The approximate cost of the trip for next year will be **around £275** including insurance cover of **£6.00** per pupil, which includes travel to and from the centre, a wide and plentiful selection of home cooked food and snacks, and high quality activities, delivered by fully trained instructors.

Before I book, I need to assess the level of commitment from parents and the visit will be viable if we can get about 75% of the children in the year group taking part. Whilst this is completely voluntary, I cannot emphasise enough, the benefits that your child will derive from taking part in a week of independence and varied activities that we cannot offer in school, i.e. climbing, archery, catamaran canoeing, bmxing, high-ropes as well as a river study as part of our Geography work in school, whilst developing his/her personal social skills

We will hold an information evening on later on in the Summer term, where you will be given more detailed information and you will be given a chance to look at photographs of previous year's work and ask questions.

I hope that you will give us your full support by allowing your child to take part.



I would be grateful if you could fill in the slip below and indicate if it is your wish to include your child in this week of activities. Again, may I reiterate, to make the trip viable we are looking at an uptake of about 75% of the children as we have to make a non-returnable deposit to the centre quite soon.

If the trip goes ahead, school will be asking parents for the following payments.

A non-returnable deposit of £70 to be paid by **September 29th 2017**.

The second staged payment (**non-returnable**) of **£70** must be paid by **January 26th 2018**.

The third staged payment of **£70 (non-returnable)** must be paid by **March 30th 2018**.

The balance of **£65 (non-returnable)** must be paid by **June 29th 2018**.

Could completed slips be returned to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 17th May 2017**, so that we can make a decision about the booking.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Dawkin

Name of Child _____ Class _____

***I wish/do not wish** my child to take part in the visit to Laches Wood Outdoor Activity Centre during September/October 2018.

Signed _____ *Parent / Guardian

*Please delete as applicable.

