

# Gorsemoor Primary School

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## Proposed Visit to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre September 2016

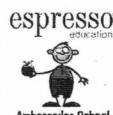
Dear Parent(s),

It is planned to take all Year 5 children to Laches Wood Outdoor Activity Centre during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017. I appreciate that this is very early notice, but under the current economic climate, it helps families to plan for expenditures such as this.

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 (formally known as Coven Outdoor Education 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 funding for this trip has always been subsidised by the Local Authority. However, under the new funding regimes that have been rolled out over the last four years, coupled with the fact that the local authority is now a joint venture company called Entrust, we have lost subsidy for the visit, as well as the fact that we have to fund our own transport to and from the centre. The cost of the trip for October next year will be is £261 including additional 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, and the deadline for this is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, I need a firm commitment that you would want your child to be allocated a place. The visit will be viable if we can get about 60 out of the 69 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 as well as a river study as part of our Geography work in school, whilst developing his/her personal social skills For this reason we must ask for:



A non-returnable deposit of £66.00 to be paid by September 30th 2016.

The second staged payment (non-returnable) of £65 must be paid by January 27th 2017.

The third staged payment of £65 (non-returnable) must be paid by March 31st 2017.

The balance of £65.00 (non-returnable) must be paid by June 30th 2017.

There is no need to send any money at the moment.

We will hold an information evening on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00pm, 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.

(Please note: Year 6 will no longer have an outdoor educational visit to Shugborough Outdoor Education Centre).

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 60 children as we have to make a non-returnable deposit to the centre during the Autumn term to make our booking.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Dawkin

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

Class \_\_\_\_\_

\*I wish/do not wish my child to take part in the visit to Laches Wood Outdoor Activity Centre during September 2017.

\* I/ we will be attending the initial meeting on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ \*Parent / Guardian

\*Please delete as applicable.

