



June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO CONDOVER HALL – SHROPSHIRE

Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November 2016

We have chosen to visit **Condover Hall in Shropshire in November 2016**, where we have taken over 80 Year 5 students in the last three years. It has always been such a success that we wish your child to enjoy this experience too! It has been newly refurbished, is set in stunning grounds and has an enormous range of indoor and outdoor activities available. If you would like to find out more about the venue, it is recommended that you visit: www.jca-adventure.co.uk and look for the 'Activity Centres' tab where you will then find Condover 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:

High and low rope activities – designed to build confidence and team cooperation skills.

Condover Crusade – a mixture of challenges in state of the art facilities, designed to improve problem-solving skills.

Individual Activities – these will be chosen from a wide range of tasks, but may include as examples, archery, circus skills, eco activities and buggy building.

The programme of events will be chosen once we know how many children will attend but you are encouraged to look at the website for examples in the meantime.

In case of inclement weather conditions, the activities will be restricted to the mansion itself, which has many fantastic activities on offer including laser maze, egg-protector and use of their swimming pool with qualified instructors.

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 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 underestimated.



I am very aware that the departure date is very close to the start of the year for the Year 5 students, which is why we would like to inform you about this trip in advance. However, we have chosen to take the week beginning **Monday 14th November** as the cost is substantially lower than it would have been if we had chosen to visit in May or June. It also is a fantastic time for students to visit as they settle into Harrold Priory School, and it will give them a great opportunity to expand their friendship groups; build their confidence in working together and expand on their independence skills. The total cost of the visit, to Conover Hall is **£245.00** and includes: Full board and accommodation, transport from the school to the centre and return, insurance, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance.

We will be holding a Parents' Evening to discuss the visit at the end of September. This will give you the opportunity to find out more details and to have any queries answered. Be aware that a deposit of **£45.00** will be required at this time and full payment by **Monday 10th October**, which is why we have given you advance notice now.

I do hope that you will be able to support this visit for your child; residential trips provide memorable experiences and a wealth of learning opportunities. It is hoped that all of Year 5 can attend as this would really benefit them back in school. As well as teaching staff we will also need parent helpers on the trip. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Miss Whitmore: LWhitmore@harroldmiddle.beds.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Whitmore', written in a cursive style.

Miss Whitmore
Head of KS2