

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Important information and final reminders about Condover Hall** **Wednesday 20th September – Friday 22nd September**

Our Condover visit is nearly here and the children are getting very excited about it...this week there have been lots of discussions about our upcoming trip!

On the morning of Wednesday 20th September the children are to wear casual/activity clothes. All children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a carrier/disposable bag.

On arrival at school on the Wednesday morning, luggage is to be brought to the main entrance where it will be stored in the hall area until we depart at approximately 11.30am. Please ensure your child's named belongings are packed into one bag or small case that is clearly labelled with their name and the school name.

### **Kit List Reminder:**

Please remember that old clothes are the best as it is possible that items will get dirty or damaged.

- Nightclothes & underwear
  - Slipper socks/slippers
  - Activity clothes – Trousers, tracksuit, shorts, T-shirts, jumpers, long sleeved tops. Condover Hall specifically ask that children do not wear jeans whilst doing the activities for comfort and safety reasons
  - Disco outfit
  - Waterproof jacket/anorak
  - Waterproof trousers or trousers that can get muddy
  - Towel
  - Hat & gloves/sunhat, suncream & sunglasses
  - Sturdy footwear – trainers, old shoes or boots
  - Toiletries – soap, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste etc
  - Hair brush/comb/hair ties (for long hair)
  - Water bottle
  - Activity for 'down time' – e.g. Book to read/pack of cards/small travel game/colouring book and crayons
  - Teddy bear/soft toy
  - Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
  - A night light if your child can not sleep in the dark
- ✓ Money, cameras, valuables, handheld devices and mobile phones are not to be brought on the visit.
- ✓ Condover Hall does not allow food in the dormitories. The meals provided are well liked and plentiful. Therefore, the children should not bring snacks and sweets in their luggage.

All items should be marked with the school and child's name to ensure safe return to rightful owners. It is also helpful if the children are aware of the items that are being packed so that they can easily identify them when repacking to come home. Providing your child with a list of the items that have been packed is a helpful way of ensuring they check they have got everything!

Asthma sufferers will need their inhalers with them at all times.

**Medication Reminder:**

All medication (including travel sickness tablets, prescribed creams etc) are to be brought to school in a container clearly labelled with the child's name, the name of the medication, dosage information and the quantity/amount of medication. **All medication is to be taken to the school office on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September between 8:45am – 9:15am, where a member of staff will record that it has been received by the school. All medication can be collected at the end of the school day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Any medication not collected will be disposed of.**

We will be leaving school at approximately 11.30am and you are very welcome to come and wave the children off. We will arrive at Condoover Hall at approximately 1.00pm when we will eat our packed lunch within the grounds, before being shown to our dormitories and beginning our activities.

During our stay, the children will take part in a number of activities which include the climbing wall, abseiling, laser maze/grid of stones, zip wire, tunnelling and team problem solving. Our evening activities will be a giant cluedo game (outdoors so warm clothes needed) and a disco (disco clothes needed!)

We are very lucky, as these are all activities that the children voted for and said they would definitely like to take part in!

Here is an outline of our programme during the visit:

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>Morning</b>	8.35 – 8.45: Arrive in school as normal and store luggage  9.00 – 11.00: Team Building activities in school  11.30am: Depart for Condoover Hall	Breakfast  Activity  Break  Activity	Breakfast  Activity  Break  Presentation
<b>1.00pm</b>	Arrive at Condoover Hall. Lunch within the grounds	Lunch	12.00pm Lunch & Depart
<b>2.00pm</b>	Welcome Meeting & Tour of the site	Activity  Break	2.30pm onwards – arrive back at school

	Settling into dormitories	Activity	
<b>3.45pm</b>	Activity		
<b>5.15pm</b>	Tea	Tea	
<b>7.30pm</b>	Evening Activity	Evening Activity	
<b>9.00pm</b>	Bedtime	Bedtime	

The adults accompanying the visit are Mrs Baker (visit leader), Mrs Hames, Mrs Bridge, Mrs Elvins, Mrs Hathaway, Miss Stone and Mr Smith. During the activities, the children will be in groups of no more than 13 and will be supervised by a member of school staff along with at least 1 member of the Condover team who will be leading the activity.

We expect to arrive back at school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday, although this is dependent on traffic. The children will be collected from school at the normal time of 3.05pm. We will notify the school if there are any significant delays.

So there will be a record of the children's experiences, the staff on the visit will be taking lots of photographs. The children do not therefore need to bring a camera. We invite you in to school on **Tuesday 26th September** at 3.10pm to see these photos and we will also be showing them during parents' evenings on 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup> October, so you will be able to share some of the memorable moments.

We are sure the children will have an extremely happy and enjoyable experience at Condover Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me about your child's needs before the visit, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs S Baker  
KS2 Assistant Head/Visit Leader