

25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents

## **SHROPSHIRE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE – EDUCATIONAL VISIT**

Following on from our successful Year 6 visits to 'The Manor Adventure Centre', Edwinstree once again intends to organise an educational residential visit for the current Year 5 in September 2017. I have now contacted the centre and made a provisional booking for the week commencing **25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. The aim of the course is to provide an opportunity for the children to experience new exciting activities and to develop their own personal and social skills, as a whole year group with their new team of teachers. No experience is required.

The week includes four activity days and four nights. Probable activities will include abseiling, orienteering, archery, a confidence course, assault course, underground maze, climbing, high ropes, zip wire, canoeing/kayaking, initiative exercises, and hill walking in the scenic Long Mynd hills. On the first day of the visit, the year group will be visiting Blists Hill Open Air Museum, in support of the history topic on Victorians. The cost of this is included in the price.

The Manor is a large converted former boarding school set in 15 acres of rural Shropshire with views of the Wenlock Hills. The children sleep in bunk-bedded dormitories and all the activities, except walking and canoeing, take place in the grounds.

All activities are directed by specially selected and qualified instructors and safety standards are in accordance with the recommendations of the Department for Education's publication 'Safety in Outdoor Education'.

The cost of the course will be approximately £370.00, which includes all meals, accommodation, activity tuition, insurance, Blists Hill and coach travel. Children will be required to bring a sleeping bag and waterproof clothing. Prices exclude pocket money, [very little will be required].

We would like you to discuss this visit with your child and if interested please send an initial non-refundable deposit of £70.00 to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Deposit can be payable by school gateway or cash to Edwinstree Middle School. If the visit has sufficient support, the final balance will be due on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Regrettably once payments have been posted to the centre, money paid cannot be refunded. Obviously, if your child is medically unfit with a doctor's certificate prior to departure, then the insurance cover will ensure a refund of the money paid.

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We hope you will share our belief in the positive benefits to be gained from this exciting opportunity. However, if you are undecided about whether to send your child on the course, come into school and view the photographs of last year's visit on display in school or talk to myself or the Year 6 team. There will be a Parents' Evening in the Summer Term about the educational visit.

If you have any queries regarding finance or other issues relating to the residential visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. The Manor also has a website which you may like to browse [www.manoradventure.com](http://www.manoradventure.com)

Payment plan

	Payment Amounts	Deadline dates for payments
Deposit	£70	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Payment 2	£75	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Payment 3	£75	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Payment 4	£75	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Payment 5	£75	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

Should you wish to pay in full: Alternatively full payment can be made on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, following deposit payment on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Yours sincerely



MR A CARTER  
LEADER OF RESIDENTIAL VISIT

**SHROPSHIRE OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE COURSE – 25/09/17 – 29/9/17**

NAME..... TUTOR GROUP: .....

I wish my child to take part in the above educational residential course to Shropshire.

I enclose a deposit of £70.00 (**non refundable**)

I have paid £70.000 via the School Gateway (**non refundable**).

I understand that mobile phones and devices with internet access are not permitted on this residential visit.

SIGNED:..... (Parent/Carer) DATE: .....