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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for sharing your views on the proposed visit for children in year 6 in September 2023 to Condover Hall.

Below are details on the responses received:

I would send my child on this trip costing £450-£485 in September 2023? (details of which were emailed)	
YES	NO
48	4

As well as the **92%** that have indicated that their child would attend, there have been a number of very positive comments shared to support the trip taking place, for example:

'My son now in year 9 still talks about the great experience he had at Condover Hall and how it was significantly better than his other 3 residentials done in his time.'

'My eldest did this in September '22 and absolutely loved it, as did her friends. It is a 'right of passage' for year 6.'

'We feel that we are still able to support this fantastic opportunity but appreciate this isn't the case for all families. We fully understand and support if an alternative trip needs to be sought.'

Below I would like to answer some of the questions and address some of the comments that have been shared:

There have been some concerns shared about the cost of the visit and in particular the deposit date being pre Christmas. The reason for this is that the school needs to pay a non-refundable deposit to the provider to confirm the booking- the due date of which is before Christmas. Unfortunately the school doesn't have the funds to make this payment until the funds are received from parental payments. It was felt that by sharing this information prior to giving any feedback would mean that this could be taken into consideration when deciding if you would be sending your child on the visit, and therefore giving as much time possible prior to the payment due date.

There have been some questions about the future payment instalments that will be due. The due dates for parental payments are set to match the instalments that the school needs to pay to the provider. (The provider requires their final balance in mid June.) Considering this, and salary due dates, the instalment due dates will be as follows:

Payment	Due date	
£80.00 (Non refundable deposit)*	12/12/2022	<i>Receipts of this instalment will confirm your child's attendance on this visit. (Additional pupils cannot be added after this date.)</i>
£70.00	27/01/2023	
£70.00	27/02/2023	
£70.00	27/03/2023	
£70.00	28/04/2023	
£70.00	26/05/2023	
£55.00**	16/06/2023	<i>The final amount per person may be less, depending on the size of coach that is required. This will only be known when numbers are confirmed. Payment for the full balance is required by 16/06/2023 in order for your child to attend</i>



The reason for the choice of dates in September, rather than the Spring/Summer months, is to try to reduce costs. The quoted costs during Spring and Summer are considerably more. Later into the winter the weather and dark nights are not ideal for the outdoor activities that take place.

Enquiries have been made to the local secondary schools (Honywood, Thurstable and New Rickstones) regarding any planned events for new starters or their parents. They have all confirmed that nothing has yet been arranged for September 2023. If, when planned there are any clashes with the visit, alternative tours can be arranged.

Please log into your ParentPay account to make your deposit payment and confirm your child's attendance by 12/12/2022. *(Once we have the numbers attending the visit will be confirmed, however, if insufficient deposits are received to make the trip viable, it will not be confirmed and those payments made will be refunded. (Once the school has confirmed a trip with the provider, all deposit payments will be non-refundable.) As advised above, children will not be able to be added after this date, as this will affect the seats required on a coach, costs and other plans made and confirmed.)*

Residential courses organised by the school are an invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the programme which we have chosen again this year will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Thank you for your support.

L. Osborne

Headteacher

