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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

We are so excited for our residential visit to Conover Hall!

We are aware that for many children and their families, this will be a big occasion as it is likely to be the longest they have ever been away from their closest family. The staff at Conover Hall and our own West Meadows staff are extremely experienced in taking groups on residential trips and familiar with the anxieties this may bring. To help our families before the event, please find below some key information that will be useful ahead of our trip.

When will children leave for Conover Hall?

We will depart for Conover Hall from school at approximately 10am on Monday 1st November. Please ensure children are at school for normal drop-off time (8:45). Parents are, of course, more than welcome to see children off as the coach departs.

Will children need anything for the journey?

Given that the journey is over 3 hours, we recommend that children bring some form of packed lunch. It may also be advisable to bring a book or other form of non-electronic entertainment due to the length of the journey.

Don't worry - we will stop for a toilet break and to stretch our legs on the way!

When will children return?

We will depart from Conover Hall at approximately 12:30pm on Friday, 5th November. This means we will hopefully be back, traffic permitting, at around 4pm. Please keep an eye on the Year 6 Twitter feed - @WMPprimaryY6 - for updates on the day.

What will the days look like?

To say we will be busy is an understatement! Children will wake up and go for breakfast between 07:30 and 08:30, ready in time for our first activities which will take place at 9am. The children will be split up in to three groups. Each group will follow a set timetable of events, before reconvening for lunch at approximately 12pm. Then it's back to activities until the evening meal at approximately 5:30pm, before a couple of final activities until the day ends at 9pm.

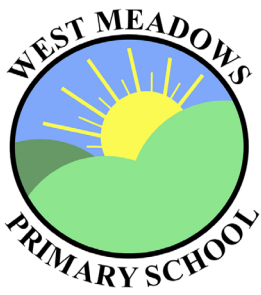


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Here is the timetable for our stay at Condoover:

	Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday				Thursday				Friday				
	3:45PM - 5:15PM	7-9PM	9-10:30AM	10:45AM - 12:15PM	2-3:30PM	3:45PM-5:15PM	7-9PM	9-10:30AM	10:45AM-12:15PM	2-3:30PM	3:45PM-5:15PM	7-9PM	9-10:30AM	10:45AM-12:15PM	2-3:30PM	3:45PM-5:15PM	7-9PM	9-10:30AM
Group 1	BUGGY BUILDING	LOUD DISCO	ARCHERY	CLIMBING WALL	MULTIVINES	CONQUEST	CAMPFIRE	GLADIATOR WALL	ABSEILING	SURVIVAL	AERIAL TREK	FLM	ARCHERY TAG	WET & WACKY	KAYAKING	RAFT BUILDING	MINI OLYMPICS	ORIENTEERING
Group 2	MULTI VINES	LOUD DISCO	CLIMBING WALL	ARCHERY	GLADIATOR WALL	CONQUEST	CAMPFIRE	BUGGY BUILDING	ARCHERY TAG	AERIAL TREK	SURVIVAL	FLM	ABSEILING	WET & WACKY	KAYAKING	RAFT BUILDING	MINI OLYMPICS	ORIENTEERING
Group 3	SURVIVAL	LOUD DISCO	MULTIVINES	GLADIATOR WALL	ARCHERY	CLIMBING WALL	CAMPFIRE	CONQUEST	AERIAL TREK	ABSEILING	ARCHERY TAG	FLM	WET & WACKY	ORIENTEERING	KAYAKING	RAFT BUILDING	MINI OLYMPICS	BUGGY BUILDING

What activities will the children do?

The activities are as follows:

- Buggy Building
- Disco
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Multivines
- Conquest
- Camp Fire
- Gladiator Wall
- Abseiling
- Survival
- Aerial Trek
- Film
- Archery Tag
- Wet and Wacky
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Mini Olympics
- Orienteering

All children will get the opportunity to do all tasks once. Further information on the details of these activities can be found on the Condoover Hall website – www.jca-adventure.co.uk

Will children be forced to take part in an activity?

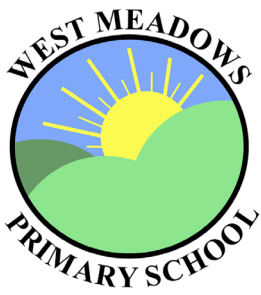


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NO! We will never force any child to take part in an activity they really don't want to do. However, we will heavily encourage all children to take part in all activities to ensure that they get the most out of the experience. Residential trips such as this are an amazing opportunity for children to grow in confidence, and facing fears is an important part of the trip!

Who will be accompanying the children to Condover?

Mr Smith, Mr Mitchell, Miss Grange, Miss Penman and Miss Mallin.

This is a very experienced team with many years of taking children on residential trips.

When is bed time?

Once the day ends at 9pm, children will go back to their dorms to get ready for bed. Lights out will be between 9:30pm and 10:00pm.

How are the dorms arranged?

There will be approximately 6 children per dorm room. Girls and boys will, of course, be in separate dorm rooms.

Can my child take their phone with them?

We are asking children **not** to take phones with them. This is primarily for safeguarding and insurance reasons, but we also strongly believe that not having phones with children will promote and develop their independence.

We understand that it may be difficult for our families not to feel that they have 'instant access' to children and vice versa. We know that parents will just want to make sure that their child is okay! For this reason, we will be updating our Twitter feed with pictures very frequently so you can see how the children are doing. You can also drop us a message at any time. Please be reassured that if we need to contact parents for any reason, we do of course have the means to do so.

What if I need my child to take medicine?

Please send any medicine required with the children on the day. Group leaders will keep medicine with them so that if necessary, it can be given promptly.

What equipment will my child need with them?

The recommended kit-list is as follows:

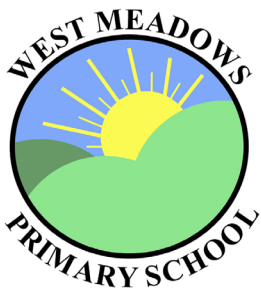


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CLOTHES	Number of items	Packed at home	Packed at centre
Nightwear			
Underwear			
Pairs of socks (including plenty of spares)			
Trousers (It is important that the students do not wear jeans whilst doing the activities for safety and comfort reasons)			
Shorts			
T-Shirts			
Long sleeved top for archery			
Jumper/sweatshirt/fleece			
Waterproof jacket/anorak			
Waterproof trousers or trousers that can get muddy			
Disco clothes			
Towels			
Swimwear			
Trainers or other substantial footwear, plus extra to get wet/dirty			

TOILETRIES	Number of items	Packed at home	Packed at centre
Toothbrush			
Toothpaste			
Sponge/face cloth			
Soap/Shower gel			
Hair products i.e. shampoo/conditioner			
Hair ties (for long hair)			
Sun cream			

OTHER	Number of items	Packed at home	Packed at centre
Sunglasses			
Book/magazine to read			
Water bottle			
Gloves/hat/cap			

Of course, with it being the first week of November, not all of the items above will be needed. As much as we all would love it, I doubt that sun-cream or sunglasses will be necessary! It may also be advisable to pack an extra jumper given the time of year.

COVID-19

Conover Hall's COVID-19 policy can be found at: <https://www.jca-adventure.co.uk/party-leaders/health-and-safety/>

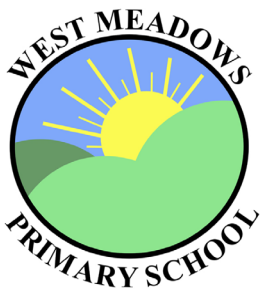


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Please be reassured that we want all children to have the best possible experience during their time at Condoval Hall; we are aware that it will be November and that coughs and sniffles are inevitable! Any such ailments will be dealt with appropriately and common sense applied. Where we have any genuine concerns, we will be in touch.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will be checking Twitter - @WMPprimaryY6 - frequently over the half-term holiday in case of any burning questions. As always, thank you so much for your support. We are all so excited for the trip and we can't wait to see the children excited and ready to go on the 1st November!

In the meantime, have a wonderful half-term break.

Regards,

Jon Smith (Y6 teacher)



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