

Dear Parents/Carers

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Year 6 Laches Wood Residential Visit

It's not long now till the Laches Wood Year 6 visit!

This letter will aim to outline a few details that you and your child will need to know before the visit takes place.

The visit will be taking place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at Laches Wood Outdoor Centre, Laches Lane, Slade Heath, Wolverhampton, WV10, 7PA. Pupils are expected to arrive at school for the normal time between 8.30am and 8.50am. On arrival at school, children will be asked to place their belongings into the hall and directed by staff in preparation for getting onto the coach.

We aim to arrive at Laches Wood via coach before lunch time, so pupils can get settled into their dormitories, followed by lunch then onto their afternoon activities. **Children must bring their own packed lunch on Monday.** The itinerary is still being finalised by the centre, but I have been informed that activities will include: climbing, archery, high ropes, cycling, bush craft, axe throwing, caving, sailing and kayaking, in addition to some team building challenges.

Children will be staying in single sex dormitories with bunk bed style accommodation. Please refer to the kit list attached for more information on what to bring and what to wear.

The coach is aiming to be back at school for the end of the school day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If there are any changes to this you will be contacted via the Arbor app.

If there are any changes to your child's dietary or medical needs, can you please inform the office as soon as possible to ensure the centre is able to cater fully for everyone's needs.

Should you need to contact us whilst on the visit, during school hours (8.30am-4.30pm) please contact the school office on 01889 590394. Out of hours, and **in emergencies only** please call Laches Wood on 0333 300 1900. Children are **not** allowed to bring their mobile phones, or any other electrical devices. If caught using these, they will be confiscated and returned to parents/carers when we return back to school as per the school mobile phone policy.

If you would like to watch a video showcasing the centre, please follow this link <https://www.entrust-ed.co.uk/services/our-centres>

We hope your child has a fantastic residential!

Yours sincerely



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**Kit List for Visits to Entrust Outdoor Education Centres.**

The check list below has been compiled to help you prepare for your visit. It is not necessary to go out and buy lots of new and expensive things for the visit as you are likely to get wet and mucky at times. Old but comfortable clothes are ideal. Please avoid jeans for activity wear as once they are wet they become very uncomfortable and you will get cold easily. Entrust Outdoors will provide all specialist and safety equipment required for the activities including waterproofs and rucksacks for walking activities.

**Please label all your clothes**, packing your bag with the help of an adult if required.

Tick off the checklist and bring it along to the centre with you. You may have to help put your bag on the coach and carry it to your accommodation so make sure you can manage it all.

Accommodation	
Dormitory	
<b>1 x Single duvet cover, 1 x mattress cover, 1 x pillow case.</b>	
<i>Entrust will provide duvets, pillows and bottom sheets.</i>	
<b><i>Please help your child to make up their own bed at home in preparation!</i></b>	

ITEM	Number	Packed at Home
<i>Example T Shirts</i>	5	✓
Underwear (pants / knickers)		
Socks including warm, full length long socks for walking		
T-shirts		
Trousers/Tracksuit bottoms (rather than jeans)		
Warm jumpers (think about layers)		
Outdoor trainers and walking boots if you have them.		
Residential footwear (slippers or sliders)		
Indoor trainers		
Wellington Boots (both boots named please!)		
Waterproof Coat / Waterproof over trousers		
Warm Outdoor Coat		
Nightwear		
Hat, gloves, scarf		
Wash kit – toothbrush / toothpaste / hairbrush / soap		
Towels		
Additional Items		
Torch and spare batteries		
Water bottle 1l (leak proof)		
<b>Snacks</b> for each night (2) e.g. crisps & small chocolate bar. <b>NO NUTS</b> due to severe allergies of other people attending the centre.		
Plastic Bin Bags for wet and dirty clothes		
Lip Salve		
<b>Medication if required. Labelled and given to Mrs Bannister</b>		
Pens and pencils, and a book to read.		
Sun hat, suncream, sunglasses		
Packed lunch for first day (no nuts)		

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please **do not** bring mobile phones or other valuables such as iPads, games devices etc.; school staff will arrange contact with home if necessary. Entrust Outdoors cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of personal items.

Please **do not** bring knives of any kind, including penknives or multitools – these will not be necessary.

Cameras can be brought, but they must be used sensibly to avoid safeguarding issues in dorms etc.

Sweets, drinks, and snacks should only be brought after consultation with your visit leaders.

Food and drink is **not** allowed in the dormitories and there may be other visitors on site who may have allergies, which may react to your snacks.

**No products containing nuts on this visit please.**

