

ELLENBROOK SCHOOL
Year 6 Residential Trip to Lledr Hall- September 2018

Lledr Hall address (*only to be used in an emergency*) :

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Dear Children and Parents,

This letter is to confirm your place at Lledr Hall. It will also try to answer some of the important questions asked by children and parents, but if you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Following this information pack, there will be a meeting on **Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 5.00 pm** to answer any further questions you may have.

What are the reasons for the trip and what will the children do?

A school residential trip is a very special experience for the children. It is something that they will remember for the rest of their lives. The residential has many purposes. It helps the children learn to be independent - taking responsibility for themselves in a structured atmosphere. They also live and work as part of a supportive community.

During the visit they will take part in various activities including field study work, map reading and environmental studies. They will also be taking part in a range of outdoor pursuit activities including walking, orienteering, rock climbing, abseiling and assault course work.

They will also have a lot of fun!

Which staff are going?

The Year 6 class teachers and Mr Marks (Bells) and Mr Blackburn (Whistles) will be going this year. In addition, another member of staff will be attending with each class, we will confirm who this is in September. There is also a team of fully trained outdoor pursuits teachers at the centre.

When are the children going?

Bells will be leaving on Monday 17th September at 9.30 a.m. from school and will return on Wednesday 19th September by about 3.30 p.m.

Whistles will leave on Wednesday 19th September at 9.30am and return to school on Friday 21st September by about 3.30pm.

Where will the children stay, sleep and eat?

Lledr Hall is situated in beautiful countryside near Betwys-y-Coed in the Snowdonia National Park. It is a very well equipped and comfortable centre with separate boys' and girls' dormitories, bathrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchens, kit rooms and classroom. Salford Education Authority has recently completed a massive rebuild to upgrade the facilities.

What about Insurance?

We will be taking out special insurance for the children. This personal accident insurance will cover all activities during the visit. The centre has been put through the new national safety inspection and has passed with no problems. This inspection includes assessing the qualifications of the centre staff, the activities offered and all the facilities.

How much does it cost?

While offering a full range of activities we try to keep the cost as low as possible.

Cost: £152.33

We keep all our school based costs to a minimum for example we arrange free admission to Bodnant Garden. We only charge the transport costs and the Lledr Hall fee. Any other costs are met by the school.

What about pocket money and present money?

We will not be visiting any shops so the children will not require ANY spending money.

When does the money have to be paid by?

Please continue to use your Parent Pay account where you can make regular payments to help spread the cost of the trip.

Final date for complete payment:- Friday 7th September 2018

Do they need any special clothing?

Basically no! Waterproof coats, over trousers, boots and rucksacks will be provided. Below is a basic clothes list that will help you pack for the children.

Please note that children will spend most of the week rolling in mud, climbing hills or scrambling through bushes they do not need lots of new best clothes.

Suggested Packing List

1. Soap, toothbrush, etc
2. A couple of towels
3. Pyjamas/nightdress
4. Changes of underwear
5. Socks including at least one thick pair for their boots (no trainer socks please)
6. A couple of pair of trousers (old ones will do ... to protect their legs from brambles or nettles)
7. A couple of sweaters
8. Slippers or indoor shoes.
9. An old pair of trainers or comfortable old shoes for outdoors
10. A few shirts or T-shirts
11. A warm jacket or coat (waterproof if possible) **DO NOT PACK**
12. A sleeping bag (these should be packed separately in a bin bag as they are very bulky)
Or two single sheets ... Blankets are provided
13. A pillowcase
14. Gloves, warm hat and scarf
15. Swimming costume!
16. Two bin bags with their names stuck on
17. You may also want to bring a camera
18. A book / magazine for downtime
19. Any sweets or treats they bring will be shared out between all of the other children. They will not be allowed food in their rooms under any circumstances as it encourages animals/insects

Basically they need a few good clothes for travelling in and for the evenings, the rest of the time playing clothes will do, it is not a fashion show! Please do not spend a lot on new clothes.

The children may bring more clothes than is listed above, but please remember when packing their cases they will have to carry the case.

What NOT to bring

1. Mobile phones – there is no phone reception at Lledr! (Mr Marks or Mr Blackburn will confiscate any phones until the end of the week)
2. Anything valuable or which needs charging (PSPs / ipads etc)

Medication

If your child requires medication please send **in writing** the name of the medicine, what it is taken for and how often your child needs it. This should be given, with the medication, to the teacher in charge on the day of departure.

Diet

Most special dietary requirements can be accommodated if we are given notice a few weeks before we depart.

Please find attached an Overnight Stay Parent/Guardian consent form that must be returned to school as soon as possible for your child to participate in the trip to Lledr Hall. Please make sure you complete both sides of this consent form.

PLAN of THE WEEK

Day One

9.30 a.m. leave Ellenbrook School
Arrive at Lledr Hall
Unpack and get specialist kit
Tour of grounds and fun activity
Dinner
Evening activities
Supper
Bedtime

Day Two

Outdoor Pursuits Programme:
The children will split into three activity groups and do a range of activities.

Activities likely to be offered depending on the weather:
mountain hiking, rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering, canoeing, mountain biking, problem solving activities and high rope and low rope course

We will also plan a range of evening activities followed by supper and bedtime!

Day Three

Pack up
Coach to Bodnant Garden
Lunch at the garden
Coach home
Back to school for about 3.30 p.m.

There may be other activities during the week and activities may vary dependent on the weather and staffing on site.