



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr D. Sumner



*'Aiming High
Together'*

Friday, 7th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to offer our Year 6 children the opportunity to participate in a 2-day (1 night) residential at YHA Hartington Hall (<https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-hartington-hall>), on 15th – 16th July 2019. Exciting, adventurous, outdoor activities will be arranged on both days, run by professional, accredited instructors, and the children will sleep overnight in dormitory accommodation in the youth hostel, with meals provided. School staff will supervise the children throughout the trip.

The cost of this visit is £130, to include:

- Transport from school to Hartington Hall on Monday 15th July
- Adventurous activities on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, run by professional, accredited instructors from Acclimatize (<http://www.acclimatize.co.uk/>). Details will be confirmed nearer the time, but to give you an idea they are likely to be along the lines of climbing, abseiling, raft building, etc.
- Transport to and from off-site adventurous activities
- Other organised activities on site
- Accommodation on Monday night
- Dinner on Monday, breakfast and packed lunch on Tuesday
- Supervision by school teaching staff, including overnight
- Transport back to school on Tuesday 16th July

We will depart from school at approximately 9am on 15th July and return at approximately 5:30pm on 16th July.

There will be a meeting for parents/carers and children nearer the time, for us to provide details and for you to ask questions. If you visit <https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-hartington-hall> and <http://www.acclimatize.co.uk/> you will find more information about the accommodation and the activity provider.

In order to confirm this booking, we need you to return the attached form by Tuesday 11th December please. An initial payment of £25 is required after Christmas, by 11th January. The remaining cost of the trip can be paid either as a lump sum or in instalments, as you prefer. The final balance will be due by 12th April. Please note, once you have committed to this trip, any cancellation may incur a charge.

We hope that the whole class will be able to join us on this adventure. Anyone who is nervous about staying away from home overnight should sign up and then talk to us about it; it's fine to have worries, but I promise that by the time it comes they will be as excited as everyone else. We are very experienced, homesickness can be overcome, and one night/two days, surrounded by friends and teachers who care, doing great things, is a perfect opportunity to build confidence and resilience. Anyone who is nervous about heights, water, etc. should also sign up; we will look after everyone, encourage and support, and be sensitive to individual needs. Often, children report that one of the best things about these trips is knowing that they have faced fears and achieved more than they thought they could. Ultimately, our aim is to make the most of this opportunity, to have a great time and create memories.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Daniel Sumner
Headteacher

Please return this form by Tuesday, 11th December

Child's name: _____

I would like my child _____ to participate in the Year 6 residential trip to YHA Hartington Hall, 15th-16th July 2019. I understand that the total cost of this trip will be £130, and that this may be paid in full or in instalments by 12th April, with an initial payment of £25 due by 11th January.

I accept that participation is conditional on my child behaving appropriately, before and during the trip. I understand that if I cancel at any stage, this may incur a charge.

Signed: _____ Print name: _____

If your child is unable or unwilling to sign up to this trip, for any reason, please speak to us.