

2nd October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements made for the five-day residential at the Briars (Crich) from the 6th- 10th November 2017.

Pupils should arrive at school on Monday morning (6th) at the normal time but they do not have to be in school uniform. We will not be leaving school until approximately 1.30pm, so the pupils should come prepared for lessons 1-4, and they will have dinner in school as usual. We will arrive back at school on Friday afternoon, approximately 2.30 p.m. Pupils will be allowed to go home as soon as they arrive in school. If you cannot collect your child at this time he/she can remain in school until 3.10 p.m.

Bed linen is provided but pupils are expected to bring their own towel and toiletries. As well as their normal items of clothing pupils should bring a pair of walking shoes/Wellingtons, a waterproof coat, a change of warm / 'old' outdoor clothes. A suggested packing list can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Once again, we have a company called **Acclimatize** running a one-day workshop on team building. This will involve outdoor activities, equipment and a climbing wall. All the necessary risk assessments are in place. If there is any reason you do not wish your child to take part in this activity, please let me know in writing.

Pupils' rooms do not have locks and therefore they should not bring expensive items like an iPod or mp3 type player with them, but if they wish to bring a camera or mobile phone they must realise they are fully responsible for them. If they bring a mobile phone it **must not** be switched on during the working sessions. Mobile phones will also be kept safely by a member of staff overnight to avoid any issues of misuse. Baggage must be kept to the minimum of one holdall or case per pupil. A small amount of spending money (£15) should be sufficient.

We expect all pupils to maintain a high standard of behaviour throughout the week. Our pupils have always done us proud in the past and this has enabled everyone to have a very enjoyable and memorable week. However, as in previous years, mechanisms are in place to return pupils to school or to contact parents to remove their child, if their behaviour poses a risk to others.

If there is anything you wish to discuss with me before your son/daughter leaves for the Briars, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. If you need to contact us during the week please ring the school.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that any outstanding money (full cost £210 inclusive of the deposit) must be paid by **Friday 13th October**. via parentpay

