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School Journey to Wales 15-19 October 2018

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Sample programme for the week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
a.m.	Travel to Wales 8.00am departure	Rock Climbing/ Canoeing	Visit to the Slate Mine	Orienteering	Travelling home - leave by 8.00am
p.m.	Settle in. Night Walk around the surrounding area to the Centre	Hill Walk Swimming	Gorge Walk Games and Quiz	Ropes Course Evening activities	Back to school around 3.30- 4.00pm

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Dear Parents

Re: Year 6 School Journey to Wales

I am writing to confirm details for the School Journey to Wales for Year 6.

1. Date: 15th – 19th October 2018

2. Centre details:

Ty'n-y-Berth Mountain Centre
Corris Uchaf, Nr Machynlleth
Powys, Wales. SY20 9RH
Web site: www.widehorizons.org.uk

Telephone Number: 01654 761678

Please note that the telephone at the Centre is **for emergency use only**; calls will be directed in the first instance to the teacher in charge. Your child will not be allowed to ring home. If you have any concerns, please contact us, in the first instance, at Deansfield. Staff keep in regular contact with Deansfield and a daily text is sent to you with news of the children's activities and the website is updated regularly with information (www.deansfield.greenwich.sch.uk).

Security/Safety: The safety of the children is paramount. The Centre staff are extremely experienced and activities are carried out under their strict supervision. For security reasons, the doors to both centres are locked each evening when children become the responsibility of Deansfield staff. We have well established systems set up to deal with any emergency which may arise during the night; although centre staff do not live on site they are in easy reach should the need arise and are contactable 24 hours a day should we need them.

3. Clothing: Clothing needs to be appropriate to the season but **please remember that it can be cold in the mountains**. The weather can be very unpredictable, so please pack gloves and hats as well as clothes for more clement weather. We have prepared a list of clothes, which the Centre considers essential (you no longer have to provide Wellington boots and anoraks as the Centre provides these). **We strongly suggest that you make a list of your child's clothing and attach it to the inside of their suitcase; please label all your child's equipment. Please also send a black plastic bag for muddy clothes!**

4. Other items to pack:

- Personal items such as Ipods, DVD players and DS's **which must be the children's responsibility**– can be taken for the journey; these however will be stored for the week and returned to the children for the journey back. The children will have no time for these items whilst they are away!
- Cameras: the disposable type (with flash) are excellent and simple to use
- Please remember **to pack a duvet cover, pillow case and single sheet.**
- Insect repellent (either spray or cream).

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5. Medicines – If your child needs medication, please ensure that it is in a bag, **clearly labelled with your child's name and the dosage required**. This should be handed to the school office the week before they go. If your child requires travel sickness pills, please ensure they have taken them before they leave – also provide us with the appropriate dose for the return journey, together with spares for travelling around in the coach whilst in Wales.

6. If your child has any worries which are likely to affect their school journey (other than the normal slight concern about being away from home), please let your class teacher know before they leave.

7. Travelling – Children should arrive at the school at **7.45am**. The coach will leave at **8.00am at the latest**. Staff will have a supply of fruit sweets and peppermints for the journey. Your child will need a packed lunch and a drink on the journey down; this is provided on the return journey.

8. Pocket Money: We have incorporated £5 pocket money into the cost of the journey; there is a Craft Centre near the site where the children may buy a keepsake.

9. Swimming: As a treat, we take the children swimming at the local indoor pool, which is included in the price of School Journey (one piece costumes for the girls please!). We will ask you nearer the time about your child's swimming ability.

10. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING MOBILE PHONES

11. Please ensure you complete the **Consent/Medical Form** and return it to the school office with your payment slip. Your child will not be allowed to go on school journey without it being completed and returned. If a medical condition occurs nearer to the time of the school journey, please let the school office know.

12. Please ensure you make full payment before your child leaves for School Journey. If you vary from the payment plan you chose, please let the school office know. Payments should be made via AGORA, the online payment facility.

13. Postcards: we need to be sure that the children receive a postcard from you whilst they are away. Please ensure you complete a postcard and bring it to the school office the week before the journey together with a stamped addressed postcard which your child may use to write to you. Please make sure that your message is upbeat – we don't want to instil homesickness where it wasn't there before!

We have a fun filled, activity packed week planned for the children which we are sure they will enjoy!

Mrs J Gordon
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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL JOURNEY WALES - 15th - 19th October 2018

The cost of the school journey to Wales this year will be **£355**. This cost includes the return transport to and from Wales, accommodation, all meals and use of facilities, local coach hire, and the visits to the local swimming pool.

We would like you to commit yourself to a method of payment. Full payment must be made before your child departs for school journey. Once you have indicated your child wishes to attend, we will advise the Centre to confirm the booking; we have been told by the Centre that they will levy a charge once the confirmation is received.

PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE USING THE OLIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM AGORA. Please contact the school office if you have not yet registered for this system or need to make payment by alternative means.

AGORA is checked daily for payments to the system. Please let us know if you decide to vary your chosen payment plan.

Please indicate how you intend to pay:

1. **One off payment of £355 as soon as possible.** Please indicate when you will make your payment.

2. **Six monthly payments:**

1. April 2018 –	payment £60
2. May 2018 –	payment £60
3. June 2018 –	payment £60
4. July 2018 -	payment £60
5. August 2018 –	payment £60
6. September 2018 -	payment £55

Please make regular monthly payments to ensure you are on schedule.

3. **Sixteen Weekly payments: 15 x £22, 1 x £25** – please make regular weekly payments to ensure you are on schedule, starting week ending 4th May.

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Grants are also available which help cover the bed and breakfast element of the journey if you are eligible for the Free School Meals Benefit.

If you are in receipt of benefits, you will know that the Government is rolling out a scheme called Universal Credit to replace other established benefits. The situation is unclear at present as to how this will affect School Journey Grants for those people on benefits which do not qualify for Free School Meals eligibility. If you are in receipt of such benefits, please detail these below. We will contact you when the situation becomes clearer.

I receive the following benefits:

If we are able to agree a grant, you will still need to pay **£231** to cover the cost of the travel, the difference between the amount of grant available and the centre cost, local coach hire, £5 pocket money and swimming costs.

Please complete off the slip attached and return it to the Office by 2nd May 2018, so that we are aware of your preferred method of payment; we will expect you to keep to the schedule you have indicated. Please also ensure that the **consent form** is completed and returned to the school office with the slip below.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are sure the children will enjoy the fun, action packed week we have arranged for them. We will text you daily when they are away with details of their activities together with information on the school's website www.deansfield.greenwich.sch.uk, broadband permitting! Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Deansfield Primary School - School Journey to Wales October 2018

Please complete and return to the School Office by Wednesday 2nd May

I would like my child _____ Class _____ to go to Wales School Journey. I intend to make:

- One off payment of **£355** and will pay on _____
- Five Monthly** payments for **£60** and **One payment of £55- April to September**
- Sixteen weekly** payments: **£22 x 15 / 1x of £25**. Please make regular weekly payments to ensure you are on schedule, starting week ending 4th May
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I would like my child _____ Class _____ to go to Wales School Journey.

I am in receipt of a benefit which may make me eligible for a grant. The benefit I currently receive is:

I confirm that I understand that if the grant is unavailable to me, I will need to make a payment for the full amount. The school agrees to advise me of the position regarding my eligibility as soon as possible.

I will pay £231 towards the costs not covered by the grant by:

- One off payment of **£231** and will pay as soon as possible, or by _____
Please advise us when you intend to make payment
- Six monthly payments (**6 x £38.50 April - September**)
- Sixteen weekly payments: 15 x **£14.50**, plus one payment of **£13.50**, please make regular weekly payments to ensure you are on schedule, starting week ending 4th May

Signed _____

Date _____

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Cost for October 2018 School Journey to Wales: £355

Comprising:

Centre Cost: £293

This costs provides:

- four overnight stay at the Centre
- All meals
- Use of the highly skilled Centre Staff
- Use of all equipment
- Admission to visits

Coach cost: £50

- Pick up from Deansfield at 7.45am
- Return to Deansfield approximately 3.00 - 4.00pm

Swimming cost: £7

- Hire of the Swimming Pool for the personal use of our party and local coach hire

Pocket Money: £5.00

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School Journey Code of Conduct

We will:

- Do our best and work hard
- Be polite and respectful to all adults and children
- Do as an adult tells us straight away
- Be kind and helpful to each other
- Always make the right choices
- Listen clearly to all instructions and follow them carefully
- Take care of all equipment and use correctly
- Act safely at all times, setting a good example

Failure to adhere to the above Code of Conduct will lead to a child being collected from the centre at the parent's cost.

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WIDE HORIZONS
THE ADVENTURE LEARNING CHARITY



Kit List

Outdoor Activities

If your stay/visit is during the winter months please bring extra layers with you, such as t-shirts/ shirts, jumpers, socks, etc.

- o Trousers, tracksuit bottoms, cargo pants (enough to last the trip) *NO DENIM*
- o Warm coat/jacket
- o Indoor shoes e.g. clean trainers
- o Warm layers: Fleeeces and jumpers (preferably NOT Cotton)
- o Old t-shirt / shirt (2 or more)
- o Old trainers (which you don't mind getting muddy or wet)
- o Socks (few extra pairs also and a thick pair)
- o Hat/Sun hat
- o Scarf/neck warmer and gloves

Indoor Use & Bedding

The bed will have a pillow and a duvet, so pupils will need:

- o Pillow case
- o Single sheet and Single Duvet cover
- o Pyjama's
- o Slippers
- o Washbag & two towels

Other Useful Items

- o Water bottle and Lunch box
- o Torch
- o Plastic bags to store dirty clothes
- o Sun cream and sun hat
- o Insect repellent (Please NO D.E.E.T)
- o Personal Medication (Asthma pump/ EpiPen's)

Lost Property: All personal items should be marked with the owner's name. Please include school and address on any luggage. Cameras are permitted but children will be expected to be responsible for them

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Swimming:

We will be taking children swimming in the pool at Machynlleth Leisure Centre whilst we are on school journey and need to be aware of children's swimming abilities. If your child is not a strong swimmer yet, we will contact you again later in the year to determine whether they have improved.

My child _____ of Class _____ can swim

25 metres competently

Can use a range of strokes effectively

Can perform safe self-rescue in water-based situations

Can swim less than 25 metres. Please indicate how far _____

Cannot swim

Signed _____ Date _____

Please complete and return to the school office by Wednesday 2nd May.