



Where Pupils Achieve and Excel
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Dear Parents/Carers,

5th July 2021

Laches Wood 29th March - 1st April 2022

As you may be aware, we at James Bateman have always offered a full and varied programme of residential visits, giving pupils the opportunity to visit Outdoor Education Centres, a UK city and a trip to Germany during the time that they are with us.

Our current Year 5's have just returned from a brilliant few days at Laches Wood, where they were able to try new things, work as a team and conquer their fears. We realise that we still face much uncertainty. However, we have booked a residential to Laches Wood for 2022 and we must start the organisation now in order to give parents optimum time to pay. All monies are fully secure and would be fully refunded in the event of the trip being cancelled. I hope that you would agree it will be lovely to have something to look forward to for next year. We are taking a party of children from Year 5 to visit Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre for four days from Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 2022. We have taken children here for several years and they find the visit extremely enjoyable and tiring!

The centre is situated in the south of the county and is run by Entrust on similar lines to their other centres at Chasewater, Shugborough and Standon Bowers. The children will be housed in heated dormitories. There are the usual bathroom, kitchen and classroom facilities, which are common to all Staffordshire Outdoor Education Centres, together with a large recreation area where all the children can spend their free time. The programme will cover a wide variety of sporting and environmental activities. The experience of attending the Outdoor Education Centre is invaluable to the development of pupils and has been praised by inspectors. Take a look at www.entrustoutdoors.co.uk to find out more. Pupils will adhere to Covid restrictions and will be kept in a James Bateman bubble.

The cost of the trip is £180, which includes all transport on coaches fitted with seatbelts. A non-refundable deposit of £50 is due by Thursday 30th September 2021.

The payment plan must be adhered to and is non-refundable once paid. If the school has to cancel this trip due to Covid 19 reasons then all monies will be refunded.

Deposit due 30/09/2021	£50
Further payment 01/11/2021	£40 (Total £90)
Further payment 30/11/2021	£40 (Total £130)
Further payment 01/02/2022	£25 (Total £155)
Further payment 28/02/2022	£25 (Total (£180)

If we don't receive a sufficient uptake then this residential visit will not go ahead. To receive a place on this trip please pay a non-refundable deposit of £50 by 30/09/2021 and follow the payment plan.

Please note that places may not be available after this date. Further information regarding activities, equipment needed and medical forms will be given out nearer the time. As I am sure you would expect pupils who do not

behave appropriately will not be allowed to attend. We would expect all pupils to have an excellent behaviour record below 2.05 and no refunds will be given if this cannot be met.

Please email dross@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk to reserve a place in the first instance by Friday 10th September. Emailing to reserve a place is confirmation that you give your permission for your child to attend Laches Wood and that you will adhere to the payment plan.

In the email please use the title LACHES WOOD 2022, Enter your child's name and form and parent/carer name (this will be classed as your signature). If we don't receive a sufficient uptake then this residential visit will not go ahead.

Online: Parents should now have received their Activation Letter for Parentpay. Simply activate your account and pay online once your child has started at James Bateman in September. By paying the deposit you agree to the terms and conditions set out by the school and will adhere to the payment plan.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Managh
Year 5 Progress Leader