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Dear Parents/Carers

Laches Wood 11th March – 14th March 2025

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 often a trip to an overseas destination during the time that they are with us.

We were lucky enough to take Year 5 on a brilliant few days to Laches Wood in March 2024, where they were able to try new things, work as teams and conquer their fears. We are pleased to say that we have booked a residential to Laches Wood for 2025 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 by ourselves.

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 11th March to Friday 14th March 2023. We have taken children here for several years and they find the visit extremely enjoyable!

The centre is situated in the south of the county and is run by Entrust on similar lines to their other centre at Standon Bowers. The children will be housed in premium 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.

The cost of the trip is £248, which includes all transport on coaches fitted with seatbelts. A non-refundable deposit of £50 is due by Friday 27th September 2024.

The payment plan must be adhered to and is non-refundable once paid.

Deposit due 27/09/2024	£50
Further payment 31/10/2024	£50 (Total £100)
Further payment 30/11/2024	£50 (Total £150)
Further payment 31/01/2025	£50 (Total £200)
Further payment 28/02/2025	£48 (Total (£248)

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 27/09/2024 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 meet our attendance targets or do not behave appropriately will not be allowed to attend. We would expect all pupils to have an excellent behaviour record 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 6th 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 2025, 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.

Payment details will be provided once your child has enrolled in September and you will be able to pay the deposit then. More information regarding this will be shared at the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Fletcher
Year 5 Progress Leader