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"learning, growing, belonging ... happy together in God's family"

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Menai – Outdoor Education Experience 11th - 15th June 2018

Dear Parents

We are now taking firm bookings for the Outdoor Education Week at the Menai Centre, Anglesey from 11 - 15 June 2018.

You are invited to a brief presentation about the residential on
Tuesday, 9 January at 3.25pm in the Y6 classroom.

The week offers an exciting, varied and challenging kaleidoscope of events, with activities which have been carefully selected to provide a balanced programme, for example:

- Work in the 'Rock Room' and learn how to climb and abseil
- Traverse a *via ferrata*
- Work as a team to construct a raft and sail it in the harbour which is sheltered and very safe
- Paddle a Canadian canoe (made into a catamaran) on the straits
- Walk a river gorge
- Climb on a sea-level traversing course
- Work closely with a friend on the Low Ropes Course
- Develop mountain bicycle skills
- Make a study of the seashore
- Learn leadership skills
- Learn to be independent

The children will be accommodated in the Gogarth centre which is a separate building from the main Conwy Centre. All meals are prepared and cooked on the premises and the Centre offers excellent meals and a salad bar. All staff are highly qualified in their field, and most of them are teachers. They offer a 1:6 ratio on outdoor pursuit activities, ensuring care and safety at all times.

The cost of the week, including accommodation, food, transport, insurance and expert tuition will be **£310**, which can be paid in instalments. Of course, this is a substantial figure; however, it reflects an increase in costs across the board. As a school we are unable to subsidise the costs, hence the amount stated. I would repeat that the residential is a worthwhile endeavour for our children and one which provides occasions for development that cannot be found in the normal, in-school provision.

Codes of conduct and medical consent forms will be required and more detailed information will be sent to parents nearer the time concerning travel times, souvenir money and clothing.

We will have a wonderful time. Our Menai trip is one of the highlights of the school year. The children from St Joseph's have a reputation for excellent behaviour and always show respect, willingness to take part and a great sense of fun. We expect nothing less from this Year 6 group. However, if any child misbehaves they will be disciplined and repeat offenders will have to be collected by their parents from the centre.

A deposit of **£30.00** is required by **Friday 26th January 2018** accompanied by the permission slip at the end of this letter.

ALL trip payments and forms MUST BE sent into school before Wednesday 4th May 2018. It is essential that we receive All MEDICAL forms by this date so that we can inform the centre regarding any special requirements. Should there be any changes in medical needs, we can amend any forms nearer the time.

Payments may be made via the school online system or directly to the office.

Also attached are the Medical and a Code of Conduct forms which **must** be completed and returned to school prior to the Residential Visit as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

Alan J Saunders
Headteacher

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Please detach and return to school

I give permission for my child to go on the Menai Outdoor Education Experience from 11 - 15 June 2018.

Parents Signature:

Child's Name: Year:
