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Dear Parent/Carer

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YEAR 8 ACORN ADVENTURE VISIT

I am so happy to be writing this letter. After 18 months of residential visits not being possible due to the pandemic, I am pleased to announce that we have an opportunity for Year 8 pupils to attend a residential trip to the **Acorn Adventure, Brecon Beacons, Tan Troed, Wales**, from **Friday 13th May – Sunday 15th May**.

Acorn is the leading independent school travel specialist and has been operating since 1982. They offer unique learning opportunities outside the classroom, which are effectively combined with true adventure, real outdoors and fantastic activities. The Acorn experience stretches far beyond the academic, raising self-confidence, motivation and self-esteem. Your child has had an assembly regarding the visit today.

Acorn has an exemplary safety management system and were the first school travel specialist to be awarded the Learning outside the Classroom Badge. They are accredited by AALA, ABTA, ATOL, BCU, BAHA, RYA, STF, ROSPA and IOL and are a reliable, reputable and safe organisation.

The total cost of the trip will be **£157** per person, which includes full board and accommodation, transport and activity costs. A more detailed programme of activities as well as an information evening will take place on **Thursday 28th April, 6-7pm in the School Hall**.

We have 100 provisional spaces pre booked and therefore the trip will be offered on a first come first serve basis. If you would like your child to attend the visit please pay **a non-refundable deposit of £50** before Friday 3rd December.

At the moment you will only be able to pay with **cash or cheque**. Please bring cash and cheques in a **sealed envelope with your child's full name on the front to the LRC**. These should be handed to **Mr Line**. Please make cheques payable to **Midland Academies Trust**.

Please see the payment schedule below. If your child currently receives free school meals you will receive another letter highlighting how we can support funding the visit if you so wish.

Payment Schedule

1st payment Friday 3rd December £50 non-refundable deposit

2nd payment Monday 7th February £50

Final payment Monday 14th March £57

You can also pay smaller amounts of money at any time if you so wish. We will be keeping a record of how much money has been paid by you.

Please be aware that failure to meet the payment deadlines may result in your child losing their place on the visit. You can pay the whole balance of the visit if you so wish. We have included this payment schedule as we have to pay Acorn Adventure the final deposit by the 18th March. This is eight weeks before the visit and this is their company policy, which we have to adhere to.

The behaviour of pupils in school prior to the visit and during the visit is extremely important. If a pupil's behaviour in school is not of the expected standard and is a concern, your child's place on the visit will be withdrawn and a full refund will be given. If your child's behaviour on the visit is not of the expected standard you will be required to come and collect your child from the visit.

You will see a link below for a Medical and Consent Form. Within this form there is a section that says that you agree to the behaviour policy of the visit and you will collect your child if their behaviour is not acceptable on the visit. Please can this be completed in conjunction with returning your deposit. Without this form your child will not be able to participate on the visit.

Medical and consent link- you must complete this form to secure your child's place on the visit

<https://forms.office.com/r/kNvrEk2yPz>

I hope that your child would like to participate in this opportunity. Please click on the links for the forms and pay your non-refundable deposit by Monday 6th December.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Joe Newton
Assistant Principal