



CONDOVER VISIT – KEY INFO

Please see below some of the questions asked and information provided at the Condoover meeting this week. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of us.

What time is the bus departing on Tuesday 27th?	The children will have lunch in school at normal time and the coach will depart for Condoover at approximately 1:40 but no earlier than 1:30. Parents/ grandparents may come to school to wave the children off.
What is the return time on Thursday 29th?	The coach is expected to arrive back at school shortly after 2:00. Your child can be collected early but siblings in other classes are expected to remain in class until 3:15.
What size/type of bag does my child need to take?	Children will be expected to carry their own bag from the bus to the accommodation block so they need to be able to carry it themselves. Please make sure that your child packs with you so that they know what is in their bag, what it is for and also what their bag looks like!
Will my child need a rucksack?	Children will not be going off site so will not need a rucksack.
Will my child need a pillow or sleeping bag?	All bedding is provided so children should not bring a pillow or sleeping bag.
Where should my child leave their bag on the morning of the visit?	Bags should be taken to the school hall through the side door and will be left there until we depart after lunch. Please do not tie any other bags to it e.g. wellies in a separate bag, as this makes it difficult when loading and unloading the luggage and also makes it harder for children to carry their own luggage.
Can my child bring a toy e.g. teddy for bed?	Children may bring a teddy or something which they normally take to bed.
How much spending money should they bring?	£5 is sufficient but no more than £10 please. Money should be in a labelled wallet/purse or envelope and should be given in to one of the adults on the morning of the visit. The children will have at least one opportunity to visit the JCA shop
Will my child need waterproofs?	Your child will definitely need a waterproof coat/jacket. There is no need to buy waterproof trousers but send them if children already have them. They will need something that can get wet/muddy for kayaking.
What happens if my child has an 'accident' during the night?	Please let staff know prior to the visit if your child is prone to bed - wetting / needs to wear a pull-up at night-time. We will talk to all children about this leading up to the visit to reassure them and remind them to come and speak to a member of staff while we are away; if they have an 'accident', we will change their bed whilst the dormitory is empty so other children are not aware.
How many pairs of trainers/shoes will they need?	Children will need a couple of pairs of trainers, at least, and ideally old ones that it doesn't matter if they get wet and muddy. There is no need to buy wellies if they do not have any; they can wear trainers for kayaking which are likely to get wet.
Will my child be made to do every activity?	No child will be made to do an activity. We encourage children to 'have a go' and 'try it.' We want them to enjoy the visit and not come home wishing they had tried something which they had chosen not to do.
What are the sleeping arrangements?	Girls and boys will be in separate dorms. Children can choose who they want to share a bunk bed with and should both children want the top or bottom bunk we will make sure that they find someone to swap with and that everyone is happy with who they are sleeping close to.

What are the site security arrangements?	All adults wear a JCA badge which includes school staff; our staff are expected to wear their Bicton badge <u>and</u> a JCA visitor badge. There are security keypads on the main entrance to the accommodation blocks; the entry codes are only known to JCA and school staff. Security staff are on duty at night and there is a barrier which vehicles have to wait at to gain entry/exit. Children are given a site tour on arrival to explain the areas that are 'out of bounds' and also the fire drill procedures.	
Will children need a torch/ will a light be left on at night-time?	Children will not need to bring a torch or night light – in the past, we have had 'remove' several torches which were keeping other children awake! A light can be left on in the dormitory/room but we ensure that those children who prefer to sleep in darkness are in bunk beds furthest away from the light.	
How are children grouped for activities?	Children will be in 4 groups with one member of Bicton staff per group. Years 3 and 4 will be in mixed groups so that Year 4 children who went last year can offer support and encouragement to Year 3s and any Year 4 children who did not attend last year. We make sure that everyone is in a group with somebody that they get along with! Children are together for meals and evening activities and groups are often taking part in activities alongside each other during the day.	
What activities will children be doing?	Climbing Abseiling Zip Wire Aerial Trek/orienteering (TBC) Kayaking Wide Games (evening activity together) Camp Fire (" " ")	Children will be provided with safety equipment as necessary for each activity including (but not limited to): helmet, safety harness, buoyancy aid.
Will I need to send my child with extra snacks e.g. biscuits?	The meals are substantial and there is always more than one choice on offer so children do not need to bring excessive snacks. If you do wish to send cakes/biscuits to share amongst the children these should be given to staff on the morning of the visit and we will share these out with the children before bedtime. Please do not send your child with any food containing nuts.	
What medication do I need to send for my child?	We will be taking Calpol with us from school and will administer this in accordance with the consent form you have completed. All prescribed medicines should be given to Mrs Pat Johnson on the morning of the visit and must be accompanied by a completed permission form to administer medicine. If children use an inhaler, please send their one from home rather than children take their inhaler from school.	
Will children be allowed to call parents?	We do not allow children to call home as we find that it does not help if a child is feeling homesick. Children are normally worn out after their activities and fall asleep pretty quickly! If a child is unwell, and they need to go home, we will contact you to arrange for your child to be picked up.	
And finally...	We know that your child will have a wonderful time and we will upload photos to the website if and when we can get internet access to do so. We will be in contact with the school office so they will post any messages on the website for us if we can't do so.	

We are really looking forward to the visit and thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Emma Barratt

Mrs Zuzana Walton

Mrs Pat Johnson

Mr Jack Johnson