**Ford Castle Residential Trip 2017**

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians, January 13th 2017

We have started to plan for the next academic year and are hoping to take Years 3 and 4 (present Years 2 and 3) to Ford Castle in September 2017.

Ford Castle is an established residential centre where learning and adventure go hand in hand. We have taken children to Ford Castle twice in the past and all who went had a fantastic time, learning new skills and becoming more independent through the day and socialising with other schools in the evening. We found that September was an ideal time of year to go as it enabled children to establish good relationships with their new class and teacher.

The castle is perfect for school groups as it is a private site where only authorised persons are allowed entry and the staff are friendly and skilful at delivering the activities.

**What type of activities will your child do at Ford?**

* A tour of the castle from the tower to the dungeons
* Zip Wire
* High Ropes
* Team Games
* Archery
* Night Line
* Potion Making (which Mrs Fortescue and Mrs Athey usually have to drink!!!!!)
* Knight’s Quest
* Evening entertainment usually includes a disco, problem solving activities, playing pool and visiting the tuck shop

If you would like to see photographs of previous visits they are on our school website and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and ask me.

The purpose of this letter is to enquire who would be interested in going to Ford Castle in September 2017 therefore we request that you express your interest on the slip below and return it to school by Friday 20th January 2017.

Historically the length of the residential has been three days and two nights but we appreciate the cost implications of this and that the children are younger so we can offer a one night stay. We will make a decision depending upon choices parents indicate.

The cost for a one night, two day stay which includes all meals, refreshments accommodation, transport and activities is likely to be approximately £100. The cost for a two night, three day stay which includes all meals, refreshments accommodation, transport and activities is likely to be approximately £165.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lynne Fortescue

I would like my child ---------------------------------------------------- to go to Ford Castle in September 2017

 For one night and two days at a cost of £100

 For two nights and three days at a cost of £165

Signed (Parent/Legal Guardian)-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------