



# Leigh and Bransford Primary School

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## Condover Hall Residential Visit

Dear parents,

I thought that you would appreciate some communication regarding this visit against the current backdrop of the covid 19 outbreak. As things stand the visit will take place as planned.

The school takes the safety of pupils and staff most seriously and safety is always the number one priority whether pupils are in school or away on school trips. On the matter of the covid 19 virus we monitor the national advice published by the government and the NHS but we also take advice from the county's local education authority (LEA), Worcestershire County Council, as this authority has direct access to Worcestershire's Director of Public Health, who is responsible for monitoring and advising on this situation. I do know that the LEA's advice is based upon the known science of the virus and its epidemiology rather than some of the uninformed opinion one can read in certain areas of the press. At this moment in time we have not been told to cancel school trips as I suspect the chances of catching/spreading the virus are the same whether in Leigh Sinton or in Shropshire. Of course this situation is very fluid and can could change and, based upon expert advice, I would be willing to cancel the trip right up to the moment the trip commences next Monday if that becomes necessary.

In addition to advice from the education authority I have contacted Condover Hall to seek their views and assurance and I attach their statement on the current situation. As can be seen, from the expert advice they've received, they are continuing as normal.

I'd like to reiterate that the safety of the school's pupils is our number one priority but at this moment in time there is no reason to suspect or believe that the risk of contracting or spreading the covid 19 virus is any greater in Condover Hall than it is here in Leigh Sinton.

I will of course monitor this situation over the next seven days and will be immediately in touch should anything change.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Bill  
Headteacher

Statement from JCA Travel (who operate Condover Hall):

Dear Party Leader,

We are dedicated to the safety of our customers at all times and continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation on a daily basis. As the situation develops, we will continue to follow the advice provided by the Public Health England relating to controlling the spread of COVID-19. Our programme is continuing as normal with regular arrivals with support from our on-site teams and our 24hr operated duty assistance.

At this time if passengers wish to withdraw from a trip cancellation charges will apply in accordance with our booking terms and conditions.

Our Centres operate a regular cleaning policy however due to recent global events to maintain a high level of hygiene and reduce risk to our guests additional measures have been put in place. Our site staff are continuing to practice good personal hygiene and we ask all guests to also follow the general advice issued by the UK government about maintaining good personal hygiene including regular hand washing. Guests may wish to travel with their own personal alcohol-based hand sanitiser and tissues. A UK-wide public information campaign has been launched to advise the public on how to slow the spread of COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-public-informationcampaign-launched-across-the-uk>

Useful information is also available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will continue to monitor UK government guidance and look forward to welcoming you soon.