West Leigh Junior School

Principal: Mr M Aggus

PORTICO ACADEMY TRUST

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5th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, we offer Year 6 an exciting residential at Ilam Hall Youth Hostel in the Derbyshire Peak District. We are already in the process of organising this year's visit which we have booked from **Monday 21st June to Friday 25th June 2027.** It is a tremendously valuable and fun-filled learning experience for the children and a memorable culmination to their time at West Leigh. It is a busy and **energetic** week, which will include:

- **Hill walking in the Peak District National Park**
- **Mountain biking along the Tissington Trail**
- **A visit to the Blue John Caverns at Castleton**
- **Chatsworth House and Gardens**
- **A day at Alton Towers**

You may be interested to look at photographs and read some of our children's memories of our trip on our school website at www.westleighjunior.co.uk/ilam-hall

You will understand that for the safety of all individuals, only children who demonstrate safe and responsible behaviour can take part. The children have been made aware that their place on this trip is dependent on their sensible attitude and conduct in school.

At present we estimate a cost of £**395** which includes **ALL** food, accommodation, travel and activities. Accommodation at the youth hostel is limited and in order to secure a place for your child we require a deposit of £25. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis according to payment of the deposit through Arbor. The trip deposit will be available on Arbor from 5pm on Wednesday 7th October. Should numbers exceed places, children will be placed on a waiting list in case others should withdraw from the trip. Payment of deposit should be completed by 4pm on Friday 9th October. Once your child's place has been confirmed, we will write to you with a list of instalment dates for the remaining payments. Should you wish to discuss the residential trip further, please do not hesitate to contact me. A meeting will be arranged in May to give parents detailed information about the trip.

For those children who choose not to go on the Ilam Hall residential, it is assumed they will take part in our exciting week of special activities based in the local Southend area.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Queenborough
Director of Learning and Teaching, Portico Academy Trust