

## Letton Hall October 2020

Dear parents,

The Letton Hall Houseparty is something that is very important to young people (and to the leaders that serve at the residential). You may have been wondering what is happening about October's Letton Hall as our usual practice is that in early July we make available the information and booking details for October's Houseparty.

Any planning for Letton Hall in October 2020 is currently on 'Pause'. Most similar ventures (such as summer youth camps, or school trips to residential centres) have been cancelled, certainly up to September. Understandably there does not appear currently to be any guidance from Government that would inform us *now*, as to what the picture might be September onwards for groups going to residential centres.

The trustees of CROPS currently feel that it is impossible to **commit** to any October Residential event at Letton. Their primary concern has to be for the safety of young people and the team, and they cannot commit to an event where risks are incalculable and therefore impossible to mitigate. They have already decided that a full, 'normal' Letton Houseparty cannot take place in 2020.

We thought it important to communicate with you before the Summer Break because we would like your perspective to inform our ongoing discussions about our Autumn half-term activities.

You will appreciate that any options we consider would only happen subject to them being in-line with government guidelines and operational best-practice. Even then, the trustees alongside myself, will take a risk assessment-based approach as to how we go ahead, even if deemed permissible under the guidelines. In this respect the health and safety of the young people and our staff/volunteers will continue to be the priority. We will confirm the outcome of these considerations by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We would really value your thoughts on the following 2 options. This is not a situation where you must choose between the Options. If Option 1 (an adapted Letton) remains impossible, we would value some indication about whether Option 2 is worth considering.

### **OPTION 1: Smaller-group size residential at Letton Hall (over 3 days)**

- Most likely a two night stay rather than the traditional three.
- For approx. 25 – 30x young people
- Include more outdoor activity where possible, with the programme and teaching sessions led by the CROPS team.
- Covid-19 measures would need to be considered for sleeping/rooming, toilets/showers, mealtimes, transport, and all activities.

### **OPTION 2: Local half-term experience in Peterborough area (over 2 days)**

- Young people / CROPS leaders access Outdoor Activity Centre in daytime (with packed lunch) – for both days.
- Evening ‘Point’ style Celebration on both days
- Guest speaker(s) at the evening events.
- Transport options (including options to drop your children off yourself)
- Covid-19 measures in place regarding activity choices & evening event.
- Limited numbers for the indoor evening event (in line with Government allowed numbers).

### **FEEDBACK FORM**

Follow this [link](#) to fill out our very short survey on options for our residential this year. we would really appreciate your comments and thoughts.

Yours in Christ.



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