



# Information for parents

Coleg y Bala

**Coleg y Bala** is a Youth and Children's Centre owned by the Presbyterian Church of Wales. Coleg y Bala's aim is to introduce the Christian faith in a lively and contemporary way.



## Rooms

During 1997 extensive renovation was carried out on Coleg y Bala, which included the installation of a lift, a ramp and *en suite* facilities in most rooms.

On arrival at Coleg y Bala the children will be told in which rooms they'll be sleeping. Between 4 and 8 children will share a room. Experienced members of staff will ensure that the children quieten down for the night and will let them know where they can be found, if need be, during the night.

## Food

There are three meals a day: breakfast, lunch and supper. If your child has any special dietary requirements e.g. nut

## Cost

In addition to the registration forms being filled in, a deposit will also need to be paid two weeks before the course. These could be sent straight to Coleg y Bala, or given to the local leaders if they are organising for your child to come to the centre.

allergy, diabetes etc, please remember to make a note of this on the registration form. Please also state whether your child is a vegetarian.

## Staff

There are 5 members in the Youth and Children's Service team, who have been trained in the work. They will be leading each course.

Coleg y Bala ensures that there is 1 leader for every 8 children staying at the centre. We follow the Presbyterian Church of Wales' procedures regarding Child Protection, which can be found in the document "For the sake of our Children."

## Rules and discipline

At the start of every course the leader will explain the rules of the centre, including what to do in the case of a fire.

There is a space on the registration form for your child to sign their name, promising to obey the course rules.

## Photographs

Some photos may be taken during the course. These pictures could be used on our website, or in our advertisements. If you have any objection to your child being photographed, please could you let us know at the beginning of the course.

## The following will be needed...

Sleeping bag

Night wear

Wash bag

Brush or comb

Swim wear and towel

Coat

Waterproof shoes

## Pocket money:

No more than £5 in loose change for primary school children.

There will be opportunities to buy sweets, drinks and small souvenirs in the Coleg y Bala shop.

## Phone:

There is a pay-phone in Coleg y Bala.

There is no need for primary school children to bring mobile phones with them.