

WINSLOW CE COMBINED SCHOOL

KINGSWOOD EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE VISIT 2020 **Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again we are planning to offer an opportunity for Year 6 children to visit the Kingswood Grosvenor Hall Centre in Kent in June 2020 as long as there is sufficient support.

The course we have chosen is **The Adventure Choice Programme** which includes adventure activities such as: climbing, abseiling, orienteering, quad biking and go karts. Our teaching staff will have the final say on which activities are chosen. Kingswood describe their centres as 'residential school stays that follow a rewarding educational programme combined with exciting outdoor and indoor activities all taking place in a controlled environment'. Kingswood has its own website - www.kingswood.co.uk – where you will find more information as well as a downloadable booklet entitled 'Parents Guide'.

We feel that Kingswood Centre is very good value for money. The Centre we use is tried and tested by us and has appeal for all children in a whole range of ways. Places at the Centre are greatly sought after, particularly at the time of year we choose to take Year 6. As a result, we have to book well ahead of the visit and confirm with payment. It is, therefore, important that we have firm commitments from all interested parents who wish their children to take part in this visit by **Friday 19th July**.

Before making your final decision, it is important that I draw the following to your attention. **We have to confirm our booking early next term and pay well in advance.** Refunds to parents not covered by the insurance (see below) would have to come directly out of our school budget – affecting the resources available for all pupils. Therefore, if during the year children decide they have changed **their** minds and no longer want to go on the trip, the costs we incur have to be passed on to the parents of the child/children involved.

Refunds will only take place, if covered by the LEA's insurance. Copies of the insurance plan are available on request. The LEA's Visit Insurance does cover cancellation but only on the following grounds:

- A medical reason supported by a doctor's note advising that the child does not take part
- A death in the family
- The family moving away from the area owing to a change in employment for instance
- Serious illness in the family

In line with the school's charging policy for visits, it is necessary to request a contribution from parents to cover the cost of the trip. In this case the request is for **£373** and includes travel, full board accommodation and a programme of activities run by qualified experienced Kingswood staff. Should a significant number of parents be unwilling to contribute, it would prove necessary to cancel the trip. However, if you have financial circumstances which will cause difficulty in paying for the residential, please talk in confidence to the Headteacher by **Friday 19th July 2019**.

Please complete and submit the ParentMail form and pay your deposit of **£73.00** via ParentMail to secure your child's place and so we can finalise arrangements. **If the ParentMail form is not completed by the Friday 19th July we will presume your child will NOT be attending the residential trip. It may not be possible to add them at a later date as accommodation may be limited.** Further payment details will be sent out to those parents who have indicated on the slip that they want their child to take part in September.

Finally, can I say that we get very positive feedback from children and parents about the Kingswood visits. If you have any queries, please get in touch with any of the Year 6 teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Epps

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Visits Coordinator

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- I wish my child _____ (child's name) Class _____
to take part in the school visit to the Grosvenor Hall Kingswood Centre, Kent in June 2020
- A non-returnable deposit of **£73** has been paid via ParentMail, and I understand that I am
agreeing to make a total contribution of **£373**.
- I do not wish my child _____ (child's name) to take part in the
school visit to the Grosvenor Hall Kingswood Centre, Kent in June 2020

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

(PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 19TH JULY AT THE LATEST)