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Principal: Carly Welch

Friday 4th January 2019

To all Parents and Carers of pupils currently in Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 6 Weekend Residential Visit to Kingswood Grosvenor House, Ashford

As you will be aware, historically we have run a residential visit for pupils in Year 6 and I now write to you with the exciting news that we will again be offering a residential experience. We are extremely lucky to be able to offer this type of visit again as it relies on a heavy level of commitment from staff, who are willing to give up their weekend voluntarily.

In October 2019 we will take the pupils in Year 6 to Kingwood's Grosvenor House. The pupils will spend an action-packed weekend at the Centre in Ashford which will involve a whole range of adventurous activities from climbing and zip wire to a team building and crate challenge. The pupils will be able to choose their activities nearer to the time, from a whole range of options.

The pupils will depart from school at lunchtime on **Friday 4th October 2019** and will be transported by coach to Kingswood, Ashford. They will then spend all weekend at the centre before returning home in the afternoon of **Sunday 6th October 2019**. They will receive all of their meals whilst at the centre (which are of high quality and offer a range of options for the pupils to choose from), as well as adventurous activities and evening activities for a cost of **£95**, which also covers the cost of transport to and from the centre. As this is not part of the curriculum and therefore is an optional visit, it will only be open to the pupils of parents who are able to make full payment. We accept that this is an expensive visit and therefore if parents wish to pay on a weekly basis, in instalments, they are very welcome to do so.

Obviously, we understand that this is a long way ahead, and that it is a costly visit for parents to afford, which is why we are notifying you in advance. However, this is a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to develop their social skills whilst also participating in a range of adventurous activities which they would not otherwise be able to access.



We will be holding a Parents' Meeting on **Friday 11th January at 3.15pm** in the hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss this visit further with parents and answer any questions, as we need to confirm the numbers of pupils who would like to go, and pay the deposit of £20 per child, by Thursday 18th October.

The payment schedule for this visit will be as follows:

- £20 paid by Friday 15th February **(non-refundable)**
- £20 paid by Friday 15th March **(non-refundable)**
- £25 paid by Friday 5th April **(non-refundable)**
- £15 paid by Friday 12th July **(non-refundable)**
- £15 paid by Friday 20th September **(non-refundable)**

Please be advised, payments cannot be refunded under any circumstances.

As mentioned before, parents may pay in instalments, however you must ensure that you have paid the required amounts by the deadlines given above to secure your child's place on this visit.

Should you wish your child to come to Kingswood from the 4th to the 6th October 2019, please complete and return the consent slip together with the £20 deposit in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class, to the main office.

We will be discussing this visit further at the Parents' Meeting on Friday 11th January and will be able to give you more information at this meeting. If you would like to pay in weekly instalments, then please speak to Mrs Welch at this meeting.

We hope that you will see the huge benefits that are available to pupils from a visit such as this and support us with this venture.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Welch
Principal

Consent Form

Please return to the **main office** with the £20 deposit in a named envelope.

Child's Name _____

Class Teacher _____

I would like my child to attend the residential visit to Kingswood Ashford from the 4th to the 6th October 2019 and I understand that I will need to pay in full the cost of £95

I have enclosed my non-refundable £20 deposit

Signed _____ (Parent / Carer)

