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## Learning Living Loving Together

11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### Residential Educational visit to Kingswood Centre (Dearne Valley), June 2020

We are very excited to announce that we are organising a five day residential trip at the Kingswood Centre (Dearne Valley) in June 2020 as our Year 6 residential. We are very fortunate to have secured a booking as it is an extremely popular venue with school groups.

For parents who are new to Kingswood, they are a leading residential activity centre provider, responsible for delivering safe and rewarding educational programmes to over 130,000 children every year. By combining many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, this trip is sure to provide your child with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom.



Residential courses organised by the school are optional but an invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the (Adventure Choice) programme, which we have chosen this year, will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.



The trip will take place from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, after the children have finished their SATs.

The cost of the visit is £332.00, which includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities. An initial non-refundable deposit of £40.00 is required by 1<sup>st</sup> October to secure your child's place. You might want to take out holiday

insurance to cover the payments made that can't be refunded. The total amount can be paid for in **one lump sum by 25<sup>th</sup> November**. **Alternatively, you can pay £18.25 weekly for 16 weeks or by the following installments follows:**

Deposit	£40.00	Due by 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
Payment 1	£109.50	Due by 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Payment 2	£127.75	Due by 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020
Final payment	£54.75	Due by 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

If you are paying via the instalments, the full amount must be paid by 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 or your child's place will be cancelled. Parents of children who receive free school meals need only pay £166.00 as there is a subsidy given to schools for free school meal children to cover the balance.

All payments are required through ParentPay please.



If you wish to find out more about the ethos of Kingswood, their programmes and safety information please visit [www.kingswood.co.uk](http://www.kingswood.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

Miss G Dexter  
Year 6 Class Teacher



A photograph of two young people, a boy and a girl, sitting on a metal platform suspended by ropes. They are both wearing helmets and safety harnesses. The boy on the left is wearing an orange helmet and a blue and white striped shirt, and the girl on the right is wearing a white helmet and a white long-sleeved shirt. They are both smiling and waving their hands. The background shows a grassy field with trees and a wooden structure in the distance.

# PARENTS' WELCOME GUIDE

Schools: 0800 655 6564    Groups: 0800 288 9990



# WHY KINGSWOOD?

There is no better way to help a child than to inspire them, and an unforgettable residential trip can do just that. It can offer a wonderful opportunity to open minds and nurture potential, to teach life skills, build confidence and create a better understanding of the world. Spending time away from home can also offer young people a chance to embrace adventure and take calculated risks, face new challenges, build self-esteem and make life-long friends along the way.

At Kingswood this is exactly what we do. Working closely alongside schools and groups from across the country we have developed an enriching range of programmes which help young people to develop and grow as individuals.

Aiming to both challenge and inspire, our range of activity programmes put theory into practice, promoting resilience and perseverance and encouraging young people to take pride in their achievements, both individually and as part of a team.

Combining educational modules, challenging adventure activities and fun evening entertainment (with the added camaraderie of overnight stays and an experience shared), we offer an unforgettable life-changing adventure in a safe, controlled and nurturing environment. With each of our nine UK centres and our centre in France offering stunning locations, outstanding facilities and exceptional standards of care, safety and guidance from our friendly, highly trained team, we're confident that not only can we provide an amazing experience for your child, we can also offer complete peace of mind for you too.

With 35 years' experience and over 165,000 visitors who join us every year, we're proud to deliver exceptional outdoor learning experiences and adventures and we look forward to welcoming your child to Kingswood soon.



# WHAT WE DO

Whether your child is visiting us as part of a school residential or as part of an extracurricular adventure, all of our Kingswood experiences are designed to support a child's personal development and educational needs. Here's what we do...



## LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We work closely with the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and we believe that a residential should be seen as a fundamental part of a well-rounded education.



## HOME FROM HOME

We provide three tasty hot nutritious meals a day and students sleep in comfortable dormitory style accommodation with bathrooms and a daily housekeeping check.



## CURRICULUM LINKS

We support schools in creating life changing experiences that have a measurable impact back in school.



## SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Our centres are regularly inspected and we work closely with outside experts to ensure we remain at the forefront of best practice.



## HIGH QUALITY ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

We offer a wide range of activities including challenging, high adrenaline and skill-based indoor and outdoor activities like zipwire, bushcraft, climbing and achery.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

We believe learning works best when it is fun and all of our activities are based around 10 learning outcomes which are embedded in all areas of our activity delivery.



## FUN WHICH COMES AS STANDARD

We regularly receive fantastic feedback from our guests about the fun and enjoyment that's been had on their residential. Over our 35 years of experience, we're delighted to have helped make lifelong memories, contributed to great stories and inspired a whole new generation of adventurers.



## GROWING YOUNG PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE

From encouraging communication and teamwork skills, to making sure that every child remembers to make their bed while on a Kingswood residential – we ensure that our young people go home that little bit more grown up.

Kingswood's creativity  
is as bright as the sun!  
– Daisy, Primary School Pupil



# PEACE OF MIND, SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Kingswood creates and maintains an inspiring and adventurous environment that allows us to have a positive impact on the lives of young people, whilst protecting them from harm.

## Safety and staff

- All Kingswood staff are vetted, inducted and trained to the highest levels
- All staff complete a comprehensive induction programme that includes safeguarding training
- Throughout their employment with Kingswood all staff are monitored to ensure compliance with our health and safety procedures

## All activities have rapid access to first aid trained staff and facilities

- Instructors are trained to recognise each individual child's own capabilities and teach to his/her individual level and pace
- All staff wear identification badges and uniforms at all times, with all visitors and teachers required to wear a security badge

## Safety and standards

- Every Kingswood centre is independently inspected by the British Activity Providers Association (BAPA)
- We also conduct rigorous internal health and safety audits
- We operate comprehensive risk assessments on all activities
- We are fully responsible for all emergency procedures, safety systems and security arrangements at each centre

## Safety and supervision

- For most activities children are placed into groups of no more than 15
- Our strict supervision policy ensures that children are always accompanied by Kingswood instructors. Between 9.00 pm and 9.00 am and at meal and break times they are supervised by their teachers. Teachers are in loco parentis throughout the visit
- Kingswood campuses have secure and clearly defined boundaries. Some centres have CCTV in operation
- Teacher and party leader rooms are situated close to their students
- The Kingswood Duty Manager and first-aiders are on call 24 hours a day

## Safeguarding and wellbeing

- We employ designated safeguarding trainers, and we have committed to having Designated Safeguarding Leads to provide 24 hour cover.
- We give all our employees, party leaders and site visitors badges so you can easily identify them. We adopt a 'challenge no badge' policy and all of our centres have a sign in/sign out process, plus coded gates with intercoms.
- We actively encourage young people to voice any concerns and to never be afraid to ask for help.



# A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

A residential experience with us is all inclusive. Your child will enjoy tasty and nutritious meals in our diners to keep them going throughout their action-packed itinerary and will rest up in dormitory-style accommodation.

## A fun-filled experience away from home

We offer schools and non-school groups a range of fun, educational and development-focused programmes to choose from. Each programme is made up of a selection of high-adrenaline daytime and evening activities. Here's just an example of what your child can expect to do on their trip...

### Sample programme timetable

		Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6		Evening
Monday	Arrive					Site tour and dorming	Caving	Laser zone	Dinner	Scrapheap challenge
Tuesday	Breakfast	3G swing	Leap of faith	Lunch	Team tech	Problem solving	Archery	Low ropes	Dinner	Night walk
Wednesday	Breakfast	Abseiling	Zipwire	Lunch	Jacob's ladder	Construct	Nightline	Bouldering	Dinner	Beach games
Thursday	Breakfast	Bushcraft		Lunch	Aeroball	Raft building		Balance beam	Dinner	Mini Olympics
Friday	Breakfast	Fencing	Orienteering	Lunch and depart						

## Comfy and clean accommodation

Your child will find welcoming rooms in our dormitory style accommodation, which has a daily housekeeping check to ensure everything stays clean and comfortable.

All dormitories are gender separated and house 2 to 16 in bunk beds where clean duvets and pillows are all provided. Some rooms are en-suite but there are always separate toilet and shower facilities for guests close to dormitories.

## Tasty, healthy food

To keep our young adventurers going during their packed itinerary, we serve three freshly prepared, healthy, buffet style meals each day, with plenty of variety available - including hot and cold meals, a salad bar and plenty of water available at all times. We can also cater for most faith and dietary requirements, which we'll ask party organisers about before your child arrives on centre.

### MONDAY

#### Breakfast

Full English Breakfast  
Natural fruit and yogurt  
Refreshing slices of melon  
White and brown toast  
Selection of cereals  
Selection of jams and marmalade  
Selection of fresh fruit from our fruit basket  
Porridge

#### Lunch

Jacket potato, cheese and beans  
Hot beef and onion baguette  
Pasta carbonara  
Butternut squash mac n cheese  
Garlic bread  
Coleslaw  
Mixed green salad  
Soup of the day  
Salad bar

#### Dinner

Homemade beef lasagne  
Homemade vegetable lasagne  
Honey and rosemary buttermilk chicken  
Seasoned wedges  
Peas and sweetcorn  
Salad bar  
Dessert - Coco and beet brownie

### TUESDAY

#### Breakfast

Full English Breakfast  
Natural fruit and yogurt  
Refreshing slices of melon  
White and brown toast  
Selection of cereals  
Selection of jams and marmalade  
Selection of fresh fruit from our fruit basket  
Porridge

#### Lunch

Jacket potato, cheese and beans  
BBQ chicken wrap  
Pork sausage roll  
Vegetarian sausage roll  
Skin on fries  
Baked beans  
Soup of the day  
Salad bar

#### Dinner

Butter chicken curry  
Beef bolognese bake  
Cauliflower and chickpea keralan  
Rice, naan and Bombay potato  
Salad bar  
Dessert - Strawberry cheesecake

### WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

Full English Breakfast  
Natural fruit and yogurt  
Refreshing slices of melon  
White and brown toast  
Selection of cereals  
Selection of jams and marmalade  
Selection of fresh fruit from our fruit basket  
Porridge

#### Lunch

Jacket potato, cheese and beans  
Ham and cheese baguette  
Battered chicken nuggets  
Breaded vegan bites  
Chips  
Mixed vegetables  
Coleslaw  
Soup of the day  
Salad bar

#### Dinner

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy  
Teriyaki pork and noodles  
Vegan pie  
Roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli  
Salad bar  
Dessert - Coco waffles and custard

### THURSDAY

#### Breakfast

Full English Breakfast  
Natural fruit and yogurt  
Refreshing slices of melon  
White and brown toast  
Selection of cereals  
Selection of jams and marmalade  
Selection of fresh fruit from our fruit basket  
Porridge

#### Lunch

Jacket potato, cheese and beans  
BBQ pork wrap  
Beef burger with Carolina BBQ sauce  
Quorn taco boats  
Seasoned wedges  
Coleslaw  
Soup of the day  
Salad bar

#### Dinner

Jumbo hot dog and onions  
BBQ Louisiana sauce  
Lamb meatballs with a creamy gravy  
Quorn dog and onions  
BBQ Louisiana sauce  
Sautéed potatoes  
Corn on the cob  
Onion rings  
Salad bar  
Dessert - American pancakes with fruit and maple syrup














Please ask a member of the catering team for information regarding allergies



# MONDAY








## Pie in the Sky

### BREAKFAST

- Bacon 
- Hash brown potato 
- Baked beans 
- Scrambled eggs   
- Selection of cereals  
- Fruit compote 
- Yoghurt  
- Toast 
- Seasonal fresh fruit 



### LUNCH

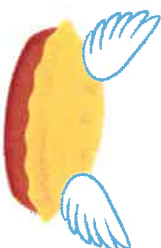
- Jacket potatoes and filling 
- Baguette or wrap 
- Soup of the day  
- Pasta of the day  
- Salad bar 

### ALLERGENS



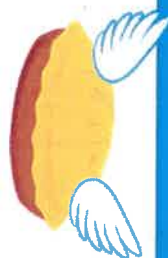
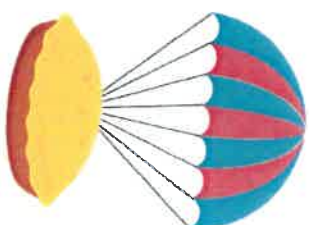
### DINNER

- Chicken pie   
- Sausages   
- Vegetable pie   
- Mash potatoes   
- Seasonal vegetables   
- Gravy   
- Salad bar 



### DESSERT

- Brownies   





















# TUESDAY












## American Diner



















### BREAKFAST

- Sausage  
- Hash brown potato 
- Baked beans 
- Scrambled eggs   
- Selection of cereals   
- Fruit compote 
- Yoghurt   
- Toast 
- Seasonal fresh fruit 

### LUNCH

- Jacket potatoes and filling 
- Sausage roll   
- Soup of the day   
- Pasta of the day   
- Salad bar 

### DINNER

- Beef burger  
- Hot dog   
- Vegetarian burger   
- Cheese   
- Fries   
- Corn on the cob 
- Salad bar 

### DESSERT

- Doughnuts    



### ALLERGENS
















# WEDNESDAY








## The Italian Job











### BREAKFAST

- Bacon 
- Hash brown potato 
- Baked beans 
- Scrambled eggs   
- Selection of cereals   
- Fruit compote 
- Yoghurt 
- Toast 
- Seasonal fresh fruit 


### LUNCH

- Jacket potatoes and filling 
- Baguette or wrap 
- Soup of the day 
- Pasta of the day 
- Salad bar 

### DINNER

- Beef lasagne 
- Chicken ratatouille 
- Vegetable pasta pomme   
- Seasonal vegetables 
- Garlic bread 
- Salad bar 

### DESSERT

- Ice cream 

### ALLERGENS


























# THURSDAY

## Home from home

### BREAKFAST

- Sausage  
- Hash brown potato 
- Baked beans 
- Scrambled eggs  
- Selection of cereals  
- Fruit compote 
- Yoghurt  
- Toast  
- Seasonal fresh fruit 












### LUNCH

- Jacket potatoes and filling 
- Cheese and onion pasy  
- Soup of the day 
- Pasta of the day  
- Salad bar 

### ALLERGENS



### DINNER

- Hunter's BBQ chicken  
- Pork loin  
- Hunter's Quorn  
- Herb diced potatoes  
- Seasonal vegetables 
- Gravy 
- Salad bar 

### DESSERT

- Fruit crumble   



FRIDAY



East is East



BREAKFAST

- Bacon
- Hash brown potato
- Baked beans
- Scrambled eggs
- Selection of cereals
- Fruit compote
- Yoghurt
- Toast
- Seasonal fresh fruit



LUNCH

- Jacket potatoes and filling
- Baguette or wrap
- Soup of the day
- Pasta of the day
- Salad bar



ALLERGENS



DINNER

- Sticky beef stir fry
- Quorn stir fry
- Chicken and vegetable stir fry
- Prawn crackers
- Noodles
- Rice
- Salad bar



DESSERT

Jelly





# What do I need to take to Kingswood?

What do I need to bring?	Amount	Have I got it when I left home?	Have I got it when I left Kingswood?
T-Shirts and tops x5			
Trousers (Not Jeans!)			
Shorts			
Jumpers			
Evening clothes			
Underwear and socks			
Nightwear			
Bath Towel			
Washing Kit containing toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, flannel, shampoo and sanitary items for girls			
Indoor shoes (Slippers)			
2 pairs of trainers (One for wet, one for dry)			
Coat/jacket (waterproof)			
Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses			
Hat and gloves			
Swimming Kit, including a separate towel			
Plastic bag / Bin bag for wet clothes			
Reusable Water bottle			
Small rucksack (With comfortable shoulder straps)			
Hair ties			
Book /Activity / Notebook for rainy evenings indoors (No electronics)			

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: What experience does Kingswood have in working with schools and groups?**

A: Kingswood has been delivering high-quality residential education programmes to schools for over three decades. Our teams currently reach over 165,000 young people every year from UK and international schools and non-school groups. All instruction is given by our team of professionally qualified outdoor educators, supported by a strong centre management team. We constantly review our programmes so we can quickly respond to the changing needs of non-school groups and the educational needs of an ever changing curriculum.

**Q: Will children need additional pocket money?**

A: All children's needs are catered for but every Kingswood centre does have a gift shop where children can buy postcards, limited refreshments, pencils and souvenirs so we recommend young people to bring £5-10 during their stay. You can also purchase souvenirs, before or after your child's arrival on centre via our online shop at [Kingswood.co.uk/shop](http://Kingswood.co.uk/shop)

**Q: What are your accommodation arrangements like?**

A: All of our dormitories are gender separated and sleep between 2 to 16 in bunk beds in each room. Sheets, duvets and pillows are provided. Some rooms are en-suite but there are always separate toilet and shower facilities for girls and boys close to dormitories.

**Q: Can parents telephone their children?**

A: In special circumstances, of course. However, it has been our experience that parents phoning their children just to talk often makes the children's time away from home harder, rather than easier.

**Q: What care is available during the night?**

A: Teachers and party leader rooms are located nearby to young people's dormitories so that they are never too far away in case care is needed. Every centre has a night duty team on call throughout the night.

**Q: What is included in the booking price?**

A: Your booking price covers: fully supervised centre-based programmes and evening entertainment, comfortable accommodation and freshly prepared, healthy meals.

**Q: When is bedtime?**

A: Our evening activities typically end around 9pm when students enjoy a refreshment before returning to their dorms. We suggest a lights-out policy of 10pm but this may vary depending on the age of the group and their teachers' preferences.

**Q: Can you arrange insurance?**

A: All visitors to Kingswood are covered by our standard £5 million public liability insurance while on site. Some schools also prefer our additional comprehensive group travel insurance at £3 per individual. This covers children and party leaders from the time of booking your Kingswood visit to your return to school.

**Q: Will my child cope?**

A: All Kingswood staff are trained to take responsibility for the well-being of the children who are in their care. We have found that the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy. As such, we create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. Our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with. For obvious reasons some activities are age restricted and/or subject to the correcting of equipment.

**Q: What about children with special needs?**

A: Kingswood is committed to an inclusive approach and values the involvement of all young people. We can support special needs students with many of their requirements

as long as teachers make us aware of them at the time of booking. We're happy to provide extra support to those who are used to taking part in activities with the rest of their classmates – but if we think it won't prove a positive experience for them, that it might prove overwhelming, or that we're not equipped to cope with a specific situation, we'll let you know.

**Q: What's the food like?**

A: Our breakfast, lunch and dinner menus are all created to boost energy, with health in mind and meet government recommendations on nutrition. Menus vary day-to-day according to the season but there is always a choice of hot and cold dishes, vegetarian options and fresh salad bars, with meals served in communal dining areas. We're happy to cater for special faith or dietary requirements if we are informed well in advance. You can view a sample menu in this pack or online ahead of your child's trip.

**Q: Will our child mix with others from different schools or groups?**

A: Our centres usually have several schools and groups staying at any one time, but children will all stay together throughout the day. The only time groups can meet is in the evenings as part of our Social Sundown unless participating in the Interaction module. Students from different schools never share the same dorms.

