

## **ST MARY OF THE ANGELS; KINGSWOOD TRIP 2024**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear parents,

In Year 4, your children will go on a one night residential trip, as part of the National Curriculum, to the Kingswood Centre in Colomendy. We have been many times; the accommodation, facilities and range of programmes are superb.

Your Y4 trip to Kingswood is from **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (inclusive)**.

A Kingswood trip is an unforgettable adventure. On day one we leave early and arrive at the centre at 10.00am. During their stay, the children will have many opportunities for new outdoor learning. They will enjoy adventure activities such as abseiling, climbing walls, archery, orienteering, zip wire etc, under full supervision by highly qualified Kingswood staff. *No-one is forced to do anything they don't want!* At least three St Mary's school staff are also there, 24 hours a day. There's also a range of evening fun and entertainment provided for the children.

The experience costs £115 per pupil, including transport, accommodation and insurance. You get what you pay for with school trips; you cannot compromise on children's safety and welfare. Kingswood has skilled, trained staff for every activity; full safety equipment; CCTV; safe accommodation; risk assessments; a variety of excellent food choices daily; fantastic outdoor learning activities which pupils could not do at school – and so on.

We are asking you to pay a **deposit of £45 by 1<sup>st</sup> November 23**, £25 by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 23, £25 by 15<sup>th</sup> January 24. The balance of £20.00 is to be paid by 1st February 2024.

Families on free school meals will certainly be entitled to help with payments; as will other people with financial hardship. Please come and see me if you have any worries at all.

It is a fantastic learning experience for our pupils and it links to work they will do in school. Our pupils have visited Kingswood for 20 years and love it – ask the ones who have just been!

We will hold a parents meeting when we return to school in January 24 where I will share a full itinerary and kit list, but, in the meantime, if you have any questions at all about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Thorpe  
Head Teacher