

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS; KINGSWOOD TRIP 2025

7th March 2024

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 6th February 2025 to Fri 7th February 2025 (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 giving just under a year's notice, so you can spread the cost of the payments over a year, but the full cost will need to be paid before the visit takes place. Payment can be made in full at any time or in the following instalments :- **deposit of £20 by 19th April 2024 , a further £40.00 by 1st July 24, another £40 by 5th October 24, and the balance of £15 by 10th January 2025.**

[Please follow this link](#) to give your permission for your child to attend the visit, and also to agree to pay the cost of the trip as shown.

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 parent meeting in January 2025, where we 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