



20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 7 Kingswood residential visit, Dearne Valley 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

We are very excited to announce that we are organising a residential visit to the Kingswood Centre, Dearne Valley. The visit will take place from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The aims of the visit are to build cooperative relationships amongst the pupils and develop individual confidence and self-belief, as well as offering pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of activities of an outdoor nature.

For parents who are new to Kingswood, they are a leading residential activity centre provider, responsible for delivering safe and rewarding activity programmes to over 130,000 children every year, and our visit is sure to provide your child with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience 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 adventure programme combines a variety of activity sessions from aerial adventures to fun problem solving, and will encourage our pupils to bond and work together as a team. We are fortunate to also have access to a water sports activity during the weekend.

Three freshly prepared, healthy, buffet style meals will be served each day, with plenty of variety on offer including hot and cold meals, a salad bar and water available at all times. Pupils may also bring a small amount of spending money which should not exceed £10.00.

We will be staying in the Adventure Lodges; these are high quality safari tents. Each tent has a solid timber floor and can accommodate up to 20 pupils in bunkbeds with their own showers and toilets. The lodges also provide a close community feel with campfire areas and outdoor space for sole use by our group. Pillows and duvets are provided; there is lockable storage for valuables.

More information about the Dearne Valley centre can be found on the Kingswood website - <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/dearne-valley/>

The cost of the visit is **£195** which includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities.

If you would like your child to participate in this visit we require an **initial deposit of £65** via your online payment account at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. Please do not send cash or cheques.

Before you make the payment in SCOPAY you will be asked to confirm that you give your consent for your child to participate in the visit. By ticking the box, you are making a commitment to pay for the trip in full, in line with the payment schedule, and understand that any monies paid may be non-refundable should your child withdraw or be removed from the trip.

The schedule for payments is:

1<sup>st</sup> instalment (non-refundable deposit) - £65 by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> instalment - £65 by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Final balance - £65 by 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

There are a limited number places available and should the visit be oversubscribed, we will select names randomly after the closing date.

If a place for your child is confirmed, you will be notified in writing and asked to complete a more detailed consent form nearer the time of the visit.

If we are unable to confirm a place for your child, we will refund your deposit and offer your child a place on the reserve list.

We reserve the right to exclude from the trip, at any point, any pupil whose behaviour gives us cause for concern.

There will be a meeting for parents after Easter (further details to follow) which will give you the opportunity to meet the staff involved, receive information about the amenities available at the centre, what to pack, menu plans, accommodation details and a sneak peek at the types of thrilling adventures and team-building activities your child will be involved in!

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the visit please contact your child's tutor or email [benjamin.burton@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk](mailto:benjamin.burton@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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