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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

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Kingswood Residential Visit – Wednesday 8th – Thursday 9th May 2024

I am extremely pleased to write to inform you that we have booked our traditional annual Year 2 residential visit to Kingswood Trust.

The Kingswood Trust specialises in outdoor learning, maximising learning opportunities through nature. The centre is approximately 35 minutes' drive and its outdoor programmes promote children's health and wellbeing whilst developing further children's sense of curiosity and fascination in the natural world.

The Kingswood originally began as a holiday camp in 1923 to promote holidays for disadvantaged children and still today has buildings originating from this period along with air raid shelters, historical features and artefacts. Our planned visit however, will focus upon providing children with outdoor learning experiences in the site's nine acres of land including looking at plant and animal natural habitats, pond areas, bird hides, climbing of trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camp activities and opportunities to meet the sheep, ducks, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises. The children will be supported in their learning by both The Kingswood's staffing and Oak Meadow staff. Historically, the children return from the visit with tremendous memories of their overnight stay and learning experiences and it is often number 1 on Year 6's memories when recalling their highlights of their Oak Meadow days for their leaving performance. We do hope as many children as possible can access the visit. The cost of the visit will be £91.05 and £72.85 if your child is in receipt of income-based free school meals.

To support the payment of the visit, we ask for an initial deposit of £20 (payable by Monday 2nd November) and the remaining balance to be paid by instalment as outlined below, via ParentPay:

Deposit	by 2 nd October	£20.00	£20.00 (FSM)	to reserve a place. (non-refundable)
Instalment 1	by 30 th November	£20.00	£15.00 (FSM)	
Instalment 2	by 26 th January 24	£20.00	£15.00 (FSM)	
Instalment 3	by 29 th February 24	£20.00	£15.00 (FSM)	
Instalment 4	by 28 th March 24	£11.05	£7.85 (FSM)	

This final amount may reduce/increase dependent on the number of pupils taking part).

A place will not be reserved if the deposit is not received by the due date as The Kingswood will only reserve for the number of children we pay for.

Consent is given and payments are to be made via ParentPay.

If you require any further information regarding our residential visit, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team. If you would like to visit the Kingswood Trust website yourself, their web page address is <https://discover-kingswood.org.uk>. Any queries regarding payments should be directed to Miss Mills in the School Office.

Thank you, we hope as many children as possible will access this exciting opportunity – the children's first opportunity to take part in a school planned overnight residential visit.

Yours sincerely,

P Lane

Mr P Lane

Interim Head of School

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...

