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VTP/ELB/KAR/Year 6 Residential/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued patience in regards to the Year 6 residential. We have been trying to organise this for a number of months, but unfortunately due to the effect of Covid-19, the companies that we have used in the past have not been able to accommodate us and we have found it difficult to secure a booking for 5 days and 4 nights.

We have since been in contact with a new company - Kingswood - with one of their locations based in Ashford (Grosvenor Hall). Unfortunately, they are only able to offer us a 3-day residential with a 2-night stay. We would still like to offer this to our children because we know how much they look forward to this and understand that it is a chance for the children to spend additional time with their friends before they leave for secondary school.

Kingswood are still able to offer us a range of activities; abseiling, Jacobs ladder, water sports, obstacles, archery etc. They will also be able to provide appropriate accommodation and catering facilities. For more information on the residential trips that they offer, please see their website: <u>https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/grosvenor-hall/</u>

At the moment (depending on the number of children attending), the total price for the trip would be around £240. This would include their return coach journey, 2 nights' accommodation, 3 days of activities and food for their stay.

From the date the booking is made, parents would need to pay a deposit of £50 (plus VAT) to secure their child's place within 4 weeks. The second payment of another £55 (plus VAT) would need to made, eight weeks later. Finally, the last instalment which would be the remaining balance would need to be paid 8 weeks after the second instalment. For example:

- 1st instalment by 15th December (£50 +VAT)
- 2nd instalment by 9th February (£55+VAT)
- 3rd instalment by 6th April (remaining balance)

In order for us to secure the booking, we do need to know how many children would be interested in attending by Monday 22nd November. Please note, we need to know final numbers this soon, so that we secure the booking and also work out the total amount payable. We appreciate this is very short notice, however due to the high demand on the reduced number of residential centres that are opening, we need to get this booked in as soon as possible.

Please see below a brief example of a timetable that the centre offer:

**Day 1**: Arrive at 2:30pm and settle into rooms. Complete a 90-minute activity and then have dinner. Followed by a group discussion and then an evening activity.



**Day 2**: Breakfast, followed by two activities (both 45 minutes each), lunch, two more activities (both 45 minutes each), dinner and group discussion, followed by an evening activity.

Day 3: Breakfast, followed by two activities (both 45 minutes each, lunch and leaving the site for return to school.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

K. Rowson

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