



Birches First School
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6th November 2020

YEAR 4 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL 2021

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, at Birches, children in Year 4 take part in a 2-night residential to Kingswood Outdoor Activity centre. 'Kingswood' is a leading residential activity centre provider, offering an exciting ICT and outdoor adventure activities programme within a secure and controlled residential site.

Understandably, due to coronavirus, there remains uncertainty as to whether a residential trip will be possible this academic year. In the hope that we will be able to go ahead with the trip, we have provisionally booked a visit for the Spring term.

The provisional booking is for the children to visit Kingswood from;

Wednesday 10th March to Friday 12th March 2021.

We have been awaiting clarification from Kingswood and this week have received an email from them. They are continuing to develop plans within government guidance to ensure they are able to reopen for residential if and when restrictions allow. Further information about the steps they have taken can be found here; <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/why-kingswood/news-and-blog/keeping-you-safe-at-kingswood/>

To secure our booking date, the initial payment is required by 9th December 2020. If payment is received by this date, our school will qualify for their 'Book with Confidence' guarantee. Should the trip be prevented due to Department for Education (DfE) and/or Public Health England (PHE) guidance, we will have the option to either move our booking to another date or cancel and receive a refund.

The cost of the visit is £118.80 to be paid in the following instalments; an initial deposit to secure our booking of £24 by Wednesday 9th December and a final payment of £94.80 by Monday 11th January 2021. Payments should be made

through ParentPay. When you make the first deposit payment of £24 you are giving permission for your child to attend the trip. If you would prefer to pay by PayPoint, please email the school office office@birches.staffs.sch.uk who will be able to provide you with a barcode.

Full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities are all included in the cost. Anyone who may have difficulties with these payments should see either Mrs Ferretti, Mrs Cain or Miss Varricchione.

The Kingswood visit is a superb opportunity for children to experience many new things, experience a special sense of achievement and forge strong bonds with their peers and make some fantastic memories. Pupils benefit enormously from the experience, both educationally and socially, and always have a wonderful time.

More details will be sent home in due course and a meeting will be held in the new year to share key information with you. In the meantime, parents and pupils may wish to find out more about the forthcoming trip by visiting www.kingswood.co.uk/parents to find more detailed information regarding Kingswood.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the Kingswood visit, please do come and speak with one of us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ferretti and Mrs Cain.

Year 4 Class Teachers