



GRAHAM JAMES PRIMARY ACADEMY
THE SORRELLS, STANFORD-LE-HOPE

4th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 6 Residential trip – Kingswood – Ashford, Kent – 29th September – 3rd October 2025

We are very excited to invite Year 5 pupils to our annual 5 day/4 night residential visit to Kingswood Activity Centre, Ashford, Kent. The trip will take place at the start of Year 6.

We have negotiated a course that is full of interesting and exciting activities. They offer a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as: Leap of Faith, Crate Stack, High All Aboard, Jungle Vines, Jacobs Ladder, High Equilibrium, Climbing, Abseiling, 3G Swing, Zipwire, Archery, Laser, Aeroball, Problem Solving, Obstacle Challenge, Nightline, Buggy Building, Orienteering, Team Tech, Team Games, Initiative Tasks, Fencing , Range of Bushcraft sessions – Shelter building/Firelighting/Rope Skills/Tool Skills, Environmental Art, Movie Night, Scrapheap Challenge, Disco, Campfire, Quiz Night, Mini Olympics.

More details of the activities will be provided nearer the time. The in-depth programme of activities is carefully designed to fully involve the children and to encourage teamwork and develop their independence, this, in turn, has a huge effect on their self-esteem. The activities are organised and led by fully trained staff, although Graham James staff will have overall responsibility for the children. The children will have three meals a day (with the exception of lunch on the first day) and sleeping arrangements will be in dormitories. Children will NOT need to bring any bedding with them, as it is provided by the centre.

A considerable amount of thought and research has gone into booking this experience for our children with a major factor involved being the cost of the trip. The cost of the trip next year is £450. It is very competitive compared to other schools and other facilities. There will be a payment plan set up to enable you to spread the cost over a number of months with an initial non-returnable deposit of £75 to secure the place by 30th September 2024. We are bound by the terms and conditions of the centre. You may request a copy of their cancellation policy at any time.

Residential trips offer a wonderful experience for children and the opportunity for some to stay away from home for the first time in an environment that is secure and exciting. It gives them the chance to work together with their peers and to see the teachers in a completely different light! Experience shows residential trips develop their problem-solving skills which helps develop their confidence in tackling new situations.

We will need to know whether you would like your child to take up this opportunity as soon as possible. There will soon be more information, including a payment plan and nearer the time of the trip: kit list, sample menus and itinerary of activities. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Hawkes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Back

Petra Back
Head Teacher

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To : Graham James Primary Academy

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the residential visit to Kingswood, Ashford, Kent from 29/09/25-03/10/25. I have paid £75.00 on ParentPay.

I acknowledge that the deposit is non-refundable.

Signed:..... Child's name:.....

Date:.....