



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

21st October 2025

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 6 Residential trip – PGL, Grosvenor Hall – Ashford, Kent – 28th September – 2nd October 2026

We are very excited to invite Year 5 pupils to our annual 5 day/4 night residential visit to PGL Grosvenor Hall 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 Aerial adventures , Low Rope, High ropes, archery, coastal discovery, bush craft, zip wire, pedal carts, pioneering, orienteering, climbing, adventure courses and team challenges. 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 hugely positive effect on their self-esteem. The activities are organised and led by PGL’s 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 need to bring a pillow with cover, fitted single sheet and a single sleeping bag.

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 £410 although this may reduce slightly depending on numbers. 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 £60 to secure the place by 4th November 2025. We are bound by the terms and conditions of PGL. 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 in turn 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, of course, be more information nearer the time, including a payment plan, kit list and itinerary of activities. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Tolan-Wheeler, Mrs Steel, or Mrs Hawkes.

Yours faithfully,

P. Back

Petra Back
Head Teacher

Residential Trip to PGL Grosvenor Hall, Ashford, Kent

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the residential visit to PGL Grosvenor Hall, Ashford, Kent from 28/09/26-02/10/26.
I have paid 60.00 on ParentPay.
I acknowledge that the deposit is non-refundable.

*Please delete as appropriate.

Signed:.....

Child’s name:..... Class:.....