

Thursday 22nd April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

One of the activities that our Year 6 children have the opportunity to undertake is a residential trip to an activity centre where they take part in various adventurous activities and challenges. I am constantly reminded by the children's comments and observations what a tremendous experience it is. We strongly believe the children gain both educationally and socially from the trip.

Next academic year (when your children will be in Year 6) our residential trip will again be to Grosvenor Hall Activity Centre in Ashford. This will be an amazing week where the children are challenged in ways that we cannot organise in school. Many of them confront and overcome fears, they support and encourage each other to achieve their best, they develop more independence, are exposed to a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating habits and learn how vital it is to work as a team. All the children who have been previously have gained hugely from the experience and will be talking about it for many years to come. It would be great if all of next year's Ash class were able to take part in this event.

The trip will be from Monday 20th – Friday 24th September 2021 (5 days & 4 nights) and will cost £250 per child. This is an exceptional price that includes coach transport to and from the Centre, all food and accommodation as well as expert tuition for all the activities.

We will be holding an initial virtual meeting for you to find out more about this exciting opportunity for your child on Wednesday 28th April at 6pm where we will also attempt to answer any questions you may have. This meeting will be held via Zoom and can be accessed with the following details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91905665296?pwd=ak5GWjB3WEhSM05ocXhBWklwY2ZNdz09>

Meeting ID: 919 0566 5296

Passcode: 2BsW9g

You may well be aware that the current Year 6 class have been unable to undertake the trip due to the Government restrictions on residential educational visits caused by the pandemic. The Government 'roadmap' out of lockdown indicates that schools will be able to resume residential visits by the summer. The Kingswood company have been working incredibly hard to ensure their Activity Centres are Covid-compliant and they are able to re-open safely as soon as restrictions allow. While we have made a provisional booking for the dates mentioned we shall, of course, need to be entirely satisfied with the risk assessments and procedures in place at Grosvenor Hall closer to the time of visit.

We are also currently awaiting information from the Local Authority regarding the arrangements for next year's Kent Test as part of the PESE process. The dates of the residential visit are thus also subject to change in the event the Kent Test date should fall in this week.

In order to confirm our booking and your child's place, we will require a non-refundable deposit paid by Friday 7th May. A further letter will be sent out following the meeting next week with details of how this deposit, and future payments, should be made.

I hope that you consider allowing your child to attend the residential trip next year and we look forward to seeing you virtually on 28th April.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julia Lyall
KS2 Leader

Mr David Rye
Acting Headteacher