



# Kents Hill Junior School

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Headteacher: Mr Michael Thomas

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Year Five overnight visit to Danbury Outdoors, Danbury, Essex in May 2019

The school has organised an overnight visit for pupils of Kents Hill Junior School and Lubbins Park Primary to the Danbury Outdoors Activity Centre in Danbury, Essex from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The aims of the visit are for pupils to have;

- an opportunity to work as a team and participate in confidence building activities
- an enhanced understanding of their natural environment
- an experience that will help to prepare them for the Year 6 residential trip and build up their resilience and character
- a chance to improve their independence, organisation and maturity
- an enjoyable outdoor learning experience

Pupils will travel to and from Danbury by coach with the journey expected to take approximately 30 minutes.

The accommodation for the visit will be traditional camping in patrol tents within the activity centre. These large tents accommodate up to 8 children in each and will be provided for all children, with mattresses inside. Boys and girls will be in separate tents and staff members will be placed in tents around the camp area. Staff from the school will accompany the pupils throughout the duration of the visit; all activities will be led by qualified and experienced instructors provided by Danbury Outdoors.

**Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day.** Provided and included in the overall cost will be an evening meal and snack Thursday afternoon/evening, as well as breakfast and lunch on Friday. Vegetarians and any other dietary requirements will be catered for.

A specific timetable of activities will be confirmed nearer the time. However, typical options which have proved really enjoyable in previous years are:

- Tree Top Ropes course
- Mountain Biking
- Orienteering
- Climbing Walls
- Bush Craft
- Archery
- BMX
- Obstacle Course

Included within the overall price of the trip will be 5 of the activities from above.

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You can encourage your child to visit the activity centre's website [www.essexoutdoors.org/danbury](http://www.essexoutdoors.org/danbury) if they want to find out more information or of course visit our new Year 5 residential area on our website. Please also see the itinerary attached for the 2 day visit.

**Kit lists, medical forms and other permission letters will be sent out at a later date. We will also hold a meeting for parents and carers prior to the visit taking place.**

The cost of the two day visit is **£88.00** which includes all transport, insurance, accommodation, activities and meals mentioned above. This can be paid by either of the following methods:

- Via the Sims Agora online payment system. This will allow you the option to pay in regular instalments or alternatively in full. It will also provide you with a running balance online.
- By cash or cheque via the main school office or sent in with your child. You will receive a receipt from the office for each payment. This can be for any denomination. Cheques should be made payable to The Epsilon Star Multi Academy Trust.

**In order to secure a place for your child, we require a non-refundable deposit of £10.00 by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that the balance for this trip must be paid in full by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The school is very keen for all pupils to have the opportunity to participate in this visit and are happy to help overcome any potential barriers that may prevent your child from taking part.

For any further information, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs Watts, our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Purser our Office Manager or myself on the telephone number above.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Winkworth  
Head of Year 5

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<b>Year 5 Residential Visit</b>		
<b>Destination</b>	<b>Danbury Outdoors, Danbury, Essex</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>AM</b>            Depart school by coach (09:30 approximately).            Arrive at Danbury Outdoors.            After unpacking, the first activity will commence at 11:00.</p>	<p><b>PM</b>            Packed lunch (needs to be provided)            2 activities            Evening meal (provided)            Evening snack (provided)            Evening games and/or movie</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>AM</b>            Wake up            Breakfast (provided)            Last 2 activities</p>	<p><b>PM</b>            Lunch (provided)            Pack            Leave Danbury Outdoors by coach (14:00 approximately)            Return to school (14.30 approximately)            Children leave school at usual time of 15:20</p>

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