



29th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP 2019 AND INFORMATION EVENING

Information Evening – Wednesday 13th February 2019 (6:00pm – 6:30pm)

Parents, Carers and pupils are invited to an information evening for the Kingswood Residential trip taking place in September 2019. There will be a presentation of all aspects of the trip and a chance to speak to Someries staff regarding the trip.

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to attend our Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre – Dearne Valley, Denaby Main, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN12 4EA. The date of the trip will be Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th September 2019 (4 days and 3 nights). Teachers and staff from Someries will accompany pupils on the trip.

We believe that having the residential trip at the beginning of Year 6 will:

- 1. Give pupils an opportunity to bond with their classmates and get to know their teacher better. They will develop better teamwork and closer relationships to their peers giving a positive effect throughout the year.*
- 2. Boost children's self-confidence – they will be able to step outside of their comfort zone and take on new educational challenges.*
- 3. Increase engagement in the classroom as behaviour and ability to follow instructions in the classroom improves.*

There is no better way to help a child than to inspire them, and an unforgettable residential trip can do just that. It offers a wonderful opportunity to open minds and nurture potential, to teach life skills, build confidence and create a better understanding of the world. Spending time away from home can also offer young people a chance to embrace adventure, face new challenges, build self-esteem and make lifelong friends along the way. Residential trips organised by the school are an optional, but valuable part of the curriculum. Children benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially with the activities proven to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

Kingswood is one of the most experienced providers of outdoor education in the UK. We have used their centres for many years. This will be our third trip to this centre. Founded over 30 years ago, they run over 1.2 million activity sessions each year and now welcome over 165,000 young people from more than 75 countries around the world annually. Combining educational programmes, challenging adventure activities and fun evening entertainment (with the added camaraderie of overnight stays and an experience shared). They offer an unforgettable life-changing adventure in a safe, controlled and nurturing environment.

The cost of the trip will be £230 to parents/carers, this includes return travel, accommodation, food and a full programme of centre activities. To help reduce costs, the school has contributed £10 per child to fund the water-based activity using Sports Grant funding. We appreciate that this £230 is a significant amount to pay and we will offer a payment plans to enable parents and carers to pay in instalments.

For more information, please visit www.kingswood.co.uk/parents. Please find attached 'Parents' Welcome Guide' with information from Kingswood.

The school is required to pay a **non-refundable** deposit of £40 per child to Kingswood at the end of February and then pay in instalments.

We request the following payments be made to the school:

- **£40 non-refundable deposit by 28th February 2019 to secure your child's place.**
- £47.50 paid by 31st March 2019.
- £47.50 paid by 30th April 2019.
- £47.50 paid by 31st May 2019.
- £47.50 paid by 30th June 2019.

We request payments online via Someries Junior School Internet Payments system. If you have any problems paying online, please contact the school office.

Please be aware that if a pupil's behaviour is very poor in the weeks prior to the trip, he or she will be removed from the trip. Any pupil removed from the residential trip due to behaviour will not be refunded, as Kingswood still charge the school.

We will ask for medical, dietary and contact details at a later date.

Please contact Mrs Duffy or Mrs Dudley in the school office if you have any financial difficulties or queries.

Please be aware Kingswood Activity Centres get booked up very quickly. You must request a place by the 28th February deposit deadline, as we will not be able to obtain extra places after this date.

Please complete and return the below reply slip with payment.

We look forward to seeing your child take part in the residential trip.

Kind regards

Mr Hunt - Head Teacher

YEAR 6 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIP 2019

Child's name Class.....

I would like to book a place for my child to attend the residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre, Dearne Valley, Denaby Main, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN12 4EA from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th September 2019
(please tick)

My child is unable to attend the trip (please tick)

I have paid deposit of online **Yes/No**

and agree to make payment by instalments (by 31st March, 30th April, 31st May and 30th June)

Signed.....Parent/Guardian

Print name.....

Parent email address.....

To ensure your child has a place on the trip, a £40 non-refundable deposit and reply slip must be returned to the school office by 3:20pm on Thursday 28th February 2019.