



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Jo MacGovern

Dear Parents/Carers of

Friday 5th October 2018

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO GROSVENOR HALL, ASHFORD, KENT

Friday 17th May – Monday 20th May 2019

We are very excited to announce that we are organising a four day residential trip to the Kingswood Centre, Grosvenor Hall which will take place during the second half of the summer term 2019. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and is a valuable educational and social experience. The visit is taking place from **Friday 17th May – Monday 20th May 2019**. The residential visit spans four days and three nights and will comprise of a wide selection of indoor and outdoor adventurous sporting and watersport activities.

For parents who are new to Kingswood, they are a leading residential activity centre provider, responsible for delivering safe and rewarding educational programmes to over 130,000 children every year. By combining many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, this trip is sure to provide your child with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom.

Residential courses organised by the school are, of course, an optional but invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the (Adventure Choice) programme which we have chosen will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile. The children will have the opportunity to participate in 16 daytime and 3 evening activities during their time at the centre.

We will be arranging a parents evening later in the year to present to you in more detail the exciting range of activities available at our destination of choice. In the meantime if you wish to find out more about the ethos of Kingswood, their programmes and safety information, please visit www.kingswood.co.uk. The children have already had a look at the website and photographs of the centre. There are also pictures of last years trip on the school website.

Sleeping accommodation will be in their Adventure Lodges (the same as last year) and consists of pods that sleep between 3 and 6 children. There are gender-separated bathroom and shower facilities and staff lodge are located at the end of the row of lodges so the children are never far away from an adult. The substantial dining facility can cater for all dietary requirements as necessary and the children will have three meals a day. Please note that sheets, duvets and pillows are provided for all guests. Children must, however, be able to make a bed before they go!



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The total cost of the trip is **£210** and includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation, insurance and a full programme of activities (all with qualified instructors). The trip is priced at cost; the school does not make a profit but it is probable that if insufficient monies are received, the trip will have to be cancelled. I think you will see that it represents good value for money!

As you will have noticed this trip spans a weekend! This is not ideal for staff but the cost of going during the week would have been £350-£400! A considerable saving for all concerned and we hope that all children will be able to participate.

We appreciate that some families might find it difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum and, if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us or Mrs MacGovern, in confidence, to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made.

A non-refundable deposit of **£80** will be required by **Wednesday 31st October 2018** to confirm your child's place on the trip. They will then be issued with a payment card and the remaining payments are due as follows:

- Second payment of: **£45 by Friday 29th November 2018**
- Third payment of: **£45 by Friday 8th February 2019**
- Final payment of: **£40 by Friday 29th March 2019**

However, with the payment card you can pay small amounts on a weekly basis if this is more helpful to you.

Please note that initial deposits are not refundable; however they are transferable if a replacement can be found. This is because a cancellation fee will be charged by Grosvenor Hall if we change the booking. The system works exactly as it would if you booked a holiday with a travel company.

We would like to take as many of the year group as possible (hopefully all of them!) and we look forward to an immensely rewarding trip. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jo MacGovern
Headteacher

Miss Becky Lynwood & Ms Charlotte Gould
Year 6 Class teachers