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Dear parents/carers,

RE: CLASS 6 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL

Slightly earlier than planned, I am able to give you a further update on the residential visit for Class 6 ... and its really good news! We have managed to secure a booking at the same Kingswood Centre as before (Overstrand Hall) for Term 6!

The residential visit will now take place between **Sunday 4th July and Wednesday 7th July 2021**. Whilst this means the trip is now two days shorter than previously planned (Sunday to Wednesday instead of Sunday to Friday), I am very pleased that we have been able to move the booking and still provide this opportunity for our Year 6s. Over the coming weeks and months, we will work with the staff at Kingswood to maximise the time we have at the Centre so that the itinerary for the visit is jam-packed with activities for the pupils to enjoy.

By going for a slightly shorter time, the residential visit is cheaper. Instead of £345 per pupil, the cost is now £266 per pupil. This means that the overall cost of the Kingswood trip is now £79 less than before. In January, Mrs. Adey will write to all parents/carers separately regarding a new payment plan or to reimburse those who have already paid in full.

Whilst this is really good news, the coronavirus guidance for schools regarding overnight educational visits is still the same:

'We continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight educational visits. The Department [for Education] recognises the enormous benefits overnight residential educational visits can provide for children. In February 2021, we will review the possibility of changing our advice for overnight residential education visits to resume from Easter 2021 on the proviso the scientific evidence supports any such change.'

Hopefully, the Government will be in a position to lift the restrictions on overnight educational visits in time for our residential trip in July.

Kind regards,

Mr S. Carter

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(Headteacher)



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