



## Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Wednesday 8th May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please carefully read the latest information for your child's Kingswood Residential Visit.

### Preparation for the Trip

At school, we are arranging opportunities for the Year 3 and 4 children to engage in co-operative games and activities together, as well as sharing photos and information about Kingswood. For many children the trip may be their first time sleeping away from home. Therefore, before the visit it would be helpful for you to arrange a sleepover at a friend or family member's house. Talking to the children about the trip and what to expect can also help to alleviate any nerves or worries.

### Staff Attending

Miss Brown (Mundford Head of School)

Mrs Buckley (Gooderstone Year 1,2,3 teacher)

Miss Musgrove (Mundford Year 4 teacher)

Miss Straffon-Lawrence (Mundford Year 3 teacher)

Mrs Lock (Mundford Year 4 teaching assistant)

All activities at the centre are led by their fully qualified staff and children will always be accompanied by at least one member of our school staff too.

### Itinerary

*The coach will depart from Mundford on the Wednesday 12th June and will return to Mundford on the Friday 14th June - parents will need to bring their children to Mundford on Wednesday morning and pick them up from there on Friday afternoon.*

We aim to depart around 10am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will have the option of dropping children off at school at normal time in the morning, or you can bring them in just before departure if you want to wave them off. On Friday, we expect to be back at school around 3pm but will send an Arbor App message to confirm our ETA once we have set off. Further information regarding drop-off procedures will be shared a few days before we go.

A provisional activities timetable is attached. Children will be organised into four activity groups, each accompanied by one of the school staff. We will let you know groupings the week before we go. Some activities are done as a whole school together and some activities will be done in their smaller activity groups. Participation is optional. We will encourage the children but never force them to do



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something. If children are anxious about an activity (such as the zipwire), they do not have to do it if they don't want to.

### Equipment

We attach another copy of the suggested equipment list with this letter, which has been updated by Kingswood and now includes bringing a pair of slippers or other suitable shoes for wearing indoors as muddy or wet shoes are not allowed inside dormitories. All aerosols are also forbidden (if children need deodorant, then this must be in roll-on form). **Please also be reminded that children should bring a packed lunch for when we arrive on the first day.**

### Mealtimes

Breakfast, lunch and evening meals each day are included and water, squash and snacks are available to children between mealtimes. There is always a choice of different options for each meal, as well as a self-service bar with salad and bread etc. Children should not bring any food or snacks of their own (apart from the packed lunch needed for the first day). Please make sure they have a refillable water bottle to use.

### Dormitories

We will be staying in Sandringham block – a floor plan is attached, along with a provisional list of room allocations. We know many children are anxious to know who they are sharing with and we have carefully grouped together children based on their friendships and relationships with their peers.

### Communication with Home

If children become homesick we will divert their attention and comfort them. We will not call you as this can often make the children feel more homesick. We will only contact parents if there is an emergency. However, we will send group messages via Arbor so you know we have arrived safely, settled in etc. School staff will take lots of photographs and copies of these will be available to you after the trip. Please be aware, however, that our first priority is ensuring the children are safe and happy and sometimes staff are busy assisting with an activity rather than taking photos.

If there is an emergency and you need to contact us, then please telephone the school office.

### Behaviour

A copy of the Kingswood Code of Conduct is attached. By sending your child on the trip, they are agreeing to adhere to this. Any child whose behaviour between now and the departure date significantly falls below our school expectations may have their place on the trip withdrawn. For the



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safety and enjoyment of all going, children must consistently show that they can follow adult instructions. Children who are aggressive or violent towards others will not be allowed to attend. If any child's behaviour during the trip poses a danger to others, then their parents will be contacted and you will be expected to come and collect them from the centre.

### Medical & Dietary Needs

This information will be taken from your child's records on Arbor. Please check that this is up-to-date by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. If there is a change to your child's needs after this date then please ring the school office so that we can update Kingswood.

If your child requires any medication during their stay, you will need to fill out a form (available from the school office). On the day of departure, please ensure all medicines are named and are handed to a member of school staff.

### Further Information

Please feel free to speak to Miss Brown, Mrs Buckley or any of the class teachers if you have any further questions.

More information about the centre and activities can be found here:

<https://www.kingswood.co.uk/locations/west-runton>

Kind regards,

Miss Leona Brown

*Head of School*

&

Mrs Buckley

*Skylarks Class Teacher*