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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 2's Residential Visit to Kingswood Trust: Wednesday 18th / Thursday 19th April 2018

Following is information relating to our intended visit to Kingswood Trust which will provide your child with many valuable learning opportunities such as time to explore a rural environment first-hand, enjoyment of a variety of practical outdoor activities and excitement at sharing a night away from home with friends and teachers.

Kingswood Trust is surrounded by beautiful woodland, six miles to the west of Wolverhampton near to the village of Albrighton.

Before the visit, a careful plan is made following joint discussions between centre staff and Oak Meadow staff to ensure the visit provides appropriate activities and experiences to support your child's learning. This may include: animal handling and observing wildlife, pond dipping, mini-beast safaris, tracks and trails, adventurous games, visiting the air raid shelters and using a variety of large and small outdoor equipment. The children will also experience walking in the countryside which may take them across to Kingswood common, through local villages, through farmland, woods and fields. They will use maps, follow routes and learn about the countryside code.

The centre has four bedrooms which are warm and welcoming. All bedrooms are modern and have waterproof beds and new bedding. The children will arrive at Kingswood on the first morning at about 10.15a.m. – leaving school at approximately 9.30a.m. - and return to school at the usual home time on the second day. With the exception of lunch on the first day, all hot meals, snacks and drinks will be provided. With advance notice, special diets may be arranged.

During the visit, children will be encouraged to work together, helping each other throughout the day and with bedroom jobs and bed making.

The children enjoy working outside in all weathers and so the centre provides waterproof coats and trousers and wellies for loan should they be required.

The suggested kit list for an overnight visit is as follows:

Night clothes

Toilet bag containing – toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, soap, brush or comb and a towel.

Indoor shoes or slippers

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Trainers or suitable outdoor shoes
Wellies (in a carrier bag)
Waterproof coat
Long sleeved top and T shirt
Long trousers/jog pants
Change of clothes (including underwear and extra socks for winter)
Hat, gloves and scarf (winter/spring)
Soft toy for bed
2 named plastic carrier bags
A water bottle (empty to avoid spillage on the journey here)

NB: Please ensure all belongings are clearly named.

As the children will be spending much time outside, the centre advise children to wear play clothes rather than best and that jewellery should be left at home. For children who wear earrings, they must be of a stud kind and not hoops for their personal safety. Long sleeves and long trousers are advisable as they will protect your child against the undergrowth whilst also providing warmth.

On the first day of our visit, children will require a packed lunch. We recommend this being packed in a named carrier bag for easy disposal following its eating - no glass bottles or cans please.

Nearer to the visit, we will ask for completion of a medical consent form which will ask for information about any medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements.

During the course of the residential, there will be opportunity for your child to access the Kingswood Shop which sells a selection of souvenir gifts. We recommend children bringing £3.00 with them as prices range from £1.50 - £3.00. (Goodie bags are £2.00)

We hope the above information is useful but if you require any information in the meantime, please ask your child's classteacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Arnold
Headteacher