



Kents Hill Junior School

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2nd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year Five Overnight visit to Danbury Outdoors, Danbury, Essex in March 2018

The school has organised an overnight visit to the Danbury Outdoors Activity Centre in Danbury, Essex from Wednesday 28th March to Thursday 29th March 2018.

The aims of the visit are for pupils to have;

- an opportunity to work as a team and participate in confidence building activities
- an enhanced understanding of their natural environment
- an experience that will prepare them for the Year 6 residential trip and build up their resilience and character
- a chance to improve their independence, organisation and maturity

Pupils will travel to and from Danbury by coach with the journey expected to take 30 minutes. The accommodation for the visit will be in purpose built, heated log cabins within the activity centre. We will have sole use of these cabins which are designed for school residential visits. They accommodate up to 10 children each (boys and girls are separate) and 1 staff member in a separate room. Staff from the school will accompany the pupils throughout the duration of the visit although the activities are led by qualified and experienced instructors provided by Danbury Outdoors.

Pupils will have to bring a packed lunch for the first day. The evening meal on Wednesday and the breakfast and lunch on Thursday are provided and included in the overall cost. Vegetarians are catered for.

We are going to organise a timetable of activities with Danbury Outdoor once numbers are confirmed. Typical options are:

- Tree Top Ropes course
- Canoeing
- Off Road Mountain Biking
- Orienteering
- Climbing
- Archery
- BMX
- Obstacle Course

We hope to include up to 6 of these in the final itinerary.

You can encourage your child to visit the activity centre's website www.essexoutdoors.org/danbury if they want to find out more information.

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Kit lists, medical forms and other permission letters will be sent out at a later date. We will also hold a meeting for parents and carers prior to the visit taking place.

The cost of the two day visit is **£89** which includes all transport, insurance, accommodation and activities. This can be paid by either of the following methods:

- Via our new Sims Agora online payment system. This will allow you the option to pay in regular instalments or alternatively in full. It will also provide you with a running balance online.
- By cash or cheque via the main school office or sent in with your child. You will receive a receipt from the office for each payment. This can be for any denomination.

In order to secure a place for your child, we need a non-refundable deposit of £10.00 as soon as possible. Please note that the balance for this trip must be paid in full by the 23rd February 2018. Please enclose your payment with the payment card attached or pay online.

The school is very keen for all pupils to have the opportunity to participate in this visit and are happy to help overcome any potential barriers that may prevent your child from taking part.

For any further information, questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mrs Watts, our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Purser our Office Manager or myself on the telephone number above.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Thurkettle
Head of Year 5

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