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Dear Parents / Carers,

KINGSWOOD OUTDOOR EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL – MARCH 2021

I am writing to inform you that in light of the current conditions around Covid 19 we have taken the decision to cancel the Year 5 and 6 Kingswood residential to Dearne Valley.

As this visit has now been cancelled we wanted to inform you that all payments, other than the £40 initial deposit, will be refunded via ParentPay. However, this won't be for several weeks due to the processes involved in refunding for our finance department. The initial £40 deposit was non-refundable but we are confident that we can claim this back through our insurance due to the exceptional circumstances we are faced with. This, however, may take an extended period of time.

I am sure there will be a mix of disappointment and relief around this cancellation. It was not a decision we have made lightly but with the future still unknown we feel that it is not right to place our children in an unnecessary position such as a residential. As you will agree, mixing our schools together alongside others, no matter how stringent the measures that Kingwood have put into place, is an avoidable risk.

Hopefully the world will be a safer place come September and we can look at other residential options. We also hope to be able to take Year 6 to Borth in July as is tradition in our academy but will assess this plan week by week.

Thank you in advance for your understanding regarding this matter. Please keep safe and look after yourselves.

Your sincerely,

M J Wynn
Head Teacher