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Dear Parents

I am writing to you with an update on the Year 6 Kingswood trip.

Sadly, we should have been on Kingswood this week and due to the government guidance, we are not allowed to take part in overnight trips.

I am currently still in discussions with Kingswood about our trip.

They are currently offering us some different options. None of which I am happy with.

- The trip to take place in January – for the same cost. I am concerned that in January we still will not be able to go due to COVID restrictions and I think that the weather will be too cold for us to take part in all our usual activities.
- The trip takes place in the summer term but it will be shortened to just a few nights and it would cost the same amount of money or if we want to keep it for the same duration, they want to charge an extra £160 per student. In the current economic climate, I do not think that this is a good option to ask parents for more money and I do not agree that our trip should be shortened.

I am currently working with them to cancel the trip this year, at present they are only offering this if we except the loss of everyone's deposit. Again, I am not accepting this as an option. I am hoping that they will offer a rebooking for September 2021 for our current Year 5 children, that way I can offer a refund to our current Year 6 children.

If we are able to cancel the trip, I will be looking at organising a 'Kingswood themed' week based at school in the summer term. This will include the children taking part in activities that we usually complete at Kingswood – such as high ropes, den building, team building, campfires, and then possibly different activities such as canoeing, outdoor disco and trampolining. Children will spend the week in teams and in non-uniform. This will be based at school and further afield. There will be a charge for these activities, they will take place during the school day and in the evening and I will let you know more about this nearer the time.

Please bear with me whilst I continue to liaise with Kingswood. My next step is to investigate Local authority and legal support to make sure that we get the right offer for our families. I will keep you informed.

Mrs Peden

Head Teacher

