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Dear Parents and Carers

Current Y4 children – Y5 Residential trip to Dearne Valley , PGL - SEPTEMBER 2025

Following on from our successful Y5 residential trips over the last few years, I am delighted to inform you that I have confirmed our booking at Dearne Valley in Doncaster for our 2025 Y5 pupils (currently Y4 children), for the following dates – **Thursday 25th to Friday 26th September 2025.** We apologise for the late notice, however Kingswood went into administration and PGL took over some of their sites and managed to rearrange this at a Kingswood site we have previously attended. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we reorganise this.

This will be an excellent start for the new school term and something to really look forward to! This letter is purely to ascertain whether you would like your child to attend and to let you know the dates, where we have booked and the cost.

The cost is **£95.00** per child, which includes all meals, activities, accommodation, instructors' fees, and insurance. The BSA have very kindly agreed to pay the cost of the return coach trip.

An initial payment of £20 will be required by Friday 18th July 2025, to secure your child's place, which is non-refundable. The cost of the visit will need to be met from parental contributions. **If your child is in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium funding, this cost will be met by school.** All payments should be made via School Spider. We are happy for the payments to be made in instalments but **paid in full by Friday 19th September 2025.**

The aim of this residential will be to introduce children to adventurous activities such as climbing, archery and team work as well as being a shorter residential trip away from home. Previous trips have been a resounding success and all the children had a great time!

I am sure you know that residential courses organised by the school are an invaluable part of the wider school Curriculum. Children benefit enormously from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that the experience will be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

If your child would really like to go, but you are unable to make the initial payment, make the cost of the trip or need an extended period to pay, please contact us in the strictest confidence and we will do all we can to help. If you would like to utilise or donate to The Barkisland School Financial Support Fund, please follow this link for further information:

https://www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk/serve_file/16021702

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 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*



If you need any further information before making your decision, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Wilde.

Please discuss the trip with your child and then complete the School Spider form indicating whether your child will be taking part or not no later than **Friday 18th July 2025.**

Dearne Valley INFORMATION EVENING – this will take place on Wednesday 3rd September at 6:00pm VIA Microsoft Teams. Log in details will be sent out closer to the time.

For more information on Dearne Valley, Doncaster please look at their website
<https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/dearne-valley/>

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Schofield
Headteacher