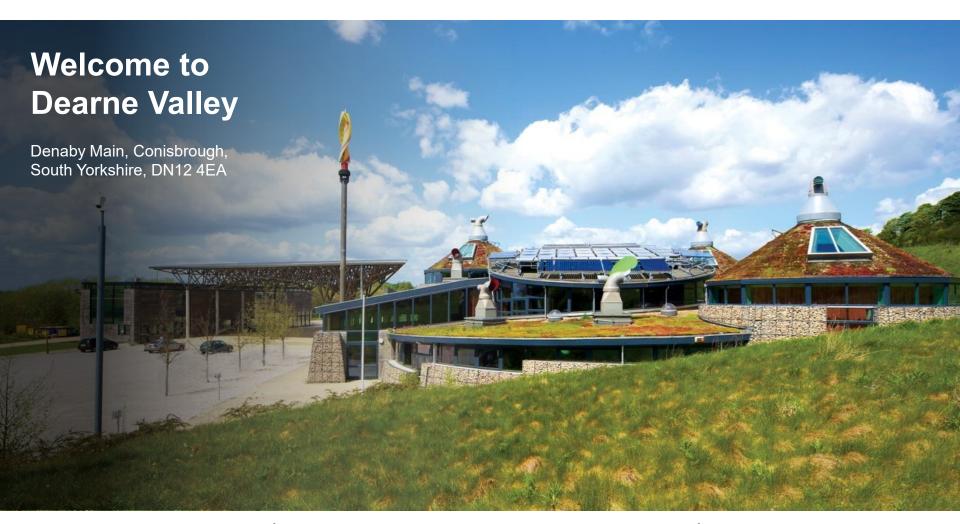
Kingswood Information Session Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September



### Change of Venue

Early in 2025, Kingswood, an outdoor activity provider and part of the Inspiring Learning Group, entered administration, resulting in the closure of seven of its UK activity centers including Peak Venture, the site Barkisland had been using for a number of years. Luckily, PGL acquired three of the centres: Grosvenor Hall, Dearne Valley, and Overstrand Hall, ensuring some planned trips can still go ahead.

In between this sad news and the end of last academic years, we were working closely with PGL to secure places at the closet centre to us which is Dearne Valley near Doncaster. End of June, PGL were able to confirm our places at Dearne Valley.

As a school, we have had one residential at Doncaster but decided to move to Peak Venture just outside Sheffield as this was closer.

Dearne Valley is still being run as a Kingswood site until 2026 when PGL will put their own stamp on it.



### Key information

#### Departure information:

- Coach pick up time is approx. 1pm
- Children will have lunch in school as normal.
- Parents are welcome to wave us off
- Any medications your child is required to have e.g. antihistamines; travel sickness pills etc need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to a member of staff. A school administration of medication form will also need to be completed (this can be found on the school website under letters and news/ useful documents/ administration of medication consent form)
- Inhalers-we will take any inhalers from school but can parents also pack any blue inhalers so the children can keep this in their room for night time. Staff will need to take charge of any brown inhalers
- Adults supporting myself are to be confirmed.



### Key information

#### Arrival at school & luggage:

- Children are to come into school as normal on the Thursday dressed suitably for the residential e.g. joggers/leggings/t-shirt/hoodie/trainers/walking shoes
- They can leave their luggage in the outdoor classroom-children can have a rucksack to bring on the coach and a small holdall bag or suitcase. In their rucksack they can bring small items to keep them entertained e.g. playing cards, top trumps etc



### Key information

Departure from Dearne Valley:



• Coach collection from Kingswood is approximately 1.15pm, so we will be back before the end of the school day.

• Kingswood will provide the children with a lunch before leave for school on the Friday.







#### Kit List & other items:

- Recommended not to bring jeans; no money needed; bring a named water bottle to avoid sharing of cups.
- Long sleeves and long trousers for most activities and hair tied back.
- Label all clothing
- Roll on deodrants
- Book to read at night
- No electronics these will be taken off any child who brings one
- No sweets or snacks not allowed to eat in the dorms and potential choking hazard when eating unsupervised and can create opportunities for misbehaviour





## Organisation of groups



- Children will be split into 3 groups for the activities during the day they will find these out the day before they go.
- All children will be encouraged to take part-no child will be forced to do anything they are hugely uncomfortable with but the activities are geared so that all children can participate at their own level (activity timetable to follow later in the presentation)
- Boys and girls sleep separately. The children will be dorming with at least one of their chosen friends. They will find out which room they are in when they are on the coach (more details on accommodation further along in this presentation)



# Organisation of groups

- Thought and careful planning goes into the organisastion of groups and sleeping arrangements.
- Groups are decided as a staff team and as a staff we know the children well
- As well as taking into consideration each child's wishes, we base our decisions on a myriad of factors such as personalities, friendships, confidence levels, skills and attributes – it is about the best experience for all.
- Not just about 1 child but the group as a whole
- Ask that parents trust us in this decision making and our decisions are final

### Fun and adventure

Every Kingswood visit is unique. But one thing is for sure: fun, excitement and an exhilarating activity-packed programme come as standard. On top of that, we'll work with you to tailor your adventure and design your personalised programme around your objectives and desired learning outcomes.







#### Your centre

A unique blend of nature, adventurous activities, and contemporary purpose built accommodation and high quality learning facilities.

Formerly the Earth Centre, one of the millennium commission projects, Dearne Valley was transformed into a state-of-the-art activity centre in 2012. Dearne Valley is our most environmentally sustainable centre, complete with one of Europe's largest solar panels and an on-site water treatment plant.

With fantastic indoor and outdoor activity facilities surrounded by the beautiful countryside of South Yorkshire, a purpose built watersports lake and access to the adjacent River Don for watersports, Dearne Valley offers something for everyone.



### Timetable of activities

(PC)		Barkisland CofE VA Primary School - KW102824						Dearne Valley		
4		25th - 26th September								
Thursday										
Group	Group Leader	09:15	10:45	12.15	13.15	14:30	16:00	17:30	18:30	19:45
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36					Arrial - Meet your course director		Quick Zip	Dinner/Trip Reflection		
37							Quick Zip			Mini Olympics
					Frida	у				
35		Archery	Jacobs Ladder							
36		Archery	Jacobs Ladder	Packed Lun	ch +Departure					
37		Jacobs Ladder	Archery							
	Please Remember! Long sleeves and long trousers are required for most activities. Some off-site studies incur								Group N	1eal Times
	an additional charge - please contact the centre for confirmation. The following restrictions apply to all off				Weather/Extreme Conditions We reserve the right to offer comparable alternatives to any of the activities contained within				Breakfast:	
	ground activities. Weight over 120kg (285lbs). Pregnant (unless doctor's advice has been sought). Any type of heart condition or heart-related issues (unless doctor's advice has been sought). Any type of spinal injury or				your Programme. Session timings may be subject to change				Lunch:	
	weak spine condition (unless doctor's advice has been sought)				,				Dinner:	

# Overview of the days

- On arrival we will meet our course leader and group leaders
- Tour of the site
- Children will make their beds in their rooms (all bedding is provided)-opportunity to practice making beds with the children
- Chat with our course leader about the activities
- 4pm first activity-led by a group leader supported by a Barkisland member of staff
- Meal time we have a half hour slot and the rest of the time is free time/ice breaker
- Evening activity
- Ready for bed and lights out around 9.30pm
- Breakfast
- Activities
- Packed lunch for departure (children will choose this before the residential)

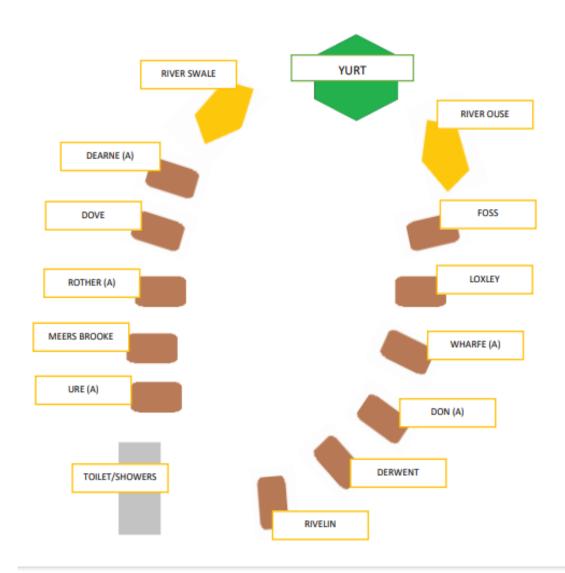


### Accomodation



#### Dearne Valley Rivers ECO Pods plan

- Each pod sleeps 8 –
   not anticipating putting
   8 children in one pod
- Will be sleeping with at least 1 friend off their list
- Toilet block is separate to pods
- Teachers' pods near by – children will be shown these



### Sleeping arrangements

- After lights out, the children are the responsibility of Barkisland staff. However, staff also need their sleep to ensure they are not sleep deprived and can adequately take care of your child, support Kingswood staff during activities and also supervise safely during any free periods.
- From the plan of the pods, it is clear that teachers' pods are close by but the pods are spaced out so not all noise will be detected by staff members.
- Therefore, there is an expectation that children behave responsibly in their pods or speak out should they feel the need to.
- Barkisland staff will be available throughout the night if any child should need them.
- Barkisland staff will not be patrolling the area throughout the night.
- There are 2 members of Kingswood staff on site over night should we need any help but they do not routinely patrol the accommodation.
- If you are not comfortable with the sleeping arrangements, the layout of the pods, the reduced supervision at night, please contact school and we can discuss this further.

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#### Wednesday

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#### Sunday

#### Available daily Unlimited salad bar:

#### Fresh fruit:

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#### Allergy information

Ask about allergens

#### About our food

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Bacon

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Pork Sausages ......

Vegetable Sausages (+4)

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Battered Fish

Jumbo Pork Sausages

Ham Pizza Margherita Pizza (r) ...... Jacket Potato (w) ......

Homemade Chilli

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Homemade Beef Bolognese .....

Homemade Vegetable Ratatouille (ve)

Cheese Burger, ....

Vegjetable Burger (ve) Second with

Quorn<sup>10</sup> Fishless Fingers

Spicy Chicken & Vegetable Flatbread .....

Spicy Meatless Farm™ Plant-based Chicken & Vegetable Flatbread (w)

**Roasted Chicken Breast** Meatless Farm® Plant-

based Chicken Breast

Nothing you fancy? Please ask for a simple sandwish

Fish Fingers

Chicken with Tomato and Pepper Sauce .....

Vegetable Chow Mein

Waffle (v) .....

Chicken Katsu Curry

Homemade Mac n

Vegetable Fingers (=)

Cookie (v) .....

Chicken Tikka Masala

Homemade Cottage Pie

Vegetable Korma (ve)

Chocolate Muffin (v) ......

Chicken Nuggets\*\*

Homemade Beef

Homemade Vegetable Lacagine (w)

880 Chicken .....

Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Mostless Farm Plant-based Meatballs in

Tomato Sauce (w) .....

Inner Paste (ve) man Diggy Fries (ve) man

Hartley's™ No Added Sugar Jelly (v) ......

Chicken Chunks .....

Homemade Tomato, Vegetable & Mascarpone Pasta Bake (v)

Vegetable Chow Mein (w)

Cookie (v) ......

Homemade Beef Lacagine ......

Pork Sausage Roll .....

Vegetable Fingers (w)

Petate Wedges (ve) commo Carlo Bread (v) commo Garden Peas (ve) commo

Chocolate Muffin (v)

Waffle (v) .....

### Breakfast

day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(138kcal)	Pork Sausages (289kcal)	Bacon (138kcal)	Pork Sausages (289kcal)	Bacon (138kcal)
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to (ve) (19kcal)	Fresh Mushrooms (ve) (41kcal)	Plum Tomato (ve) (19kcal)	Fresh Mushrooms (ve) (41kcal)	Plum Tomato (ve) (19kcal)

Available every day: Porridge (v) with toppers\* (418kcal), natural yoghurt (v) (56kcal), a selection of cereals (v), toast (ve) and spreads (v)

### Tea

Sweetcorn (ve) (50kcal)	Mixed Vegetables (ve) (406kcal),  Mixed Vegetables (ve) (50kcal)	Penne Pasta (ve) (304kcal), Ziggy Fries (ve) (410kcal), Sweetcorn (ve) (50kcal), Garden Peas (ve) (85kcal)	
Sides: White Rice (ve) (243kcal), Green Cabbage (ve) (47kcal), Sweetcorn (ve) (50kcal)	Sides: Garlic Bread (v) (163kcal), Potato Wedges (ve) (406kcal), Mixed Vegetables (ve) (50kcal)		S Swee
A TOP STORE	Lasagne (ve) (508kcal)	Plant-based Meatballs in	Vege
Vegetable Korma (ve)	Homemade Vegetable	Meatless Farm <sup>™</sup>	Pa
Homemade Cottage Pie	Homemade Beef Lasagne (486kcal)	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (355kcal)	Ho Vege
Chicken Tikka Masala	Chicken Nuggets** (325kcal)	BBQ Chicken (554kcal)	Chi

Nothing you fancy? Penne pasta (ve) with tomato sauce (ve) and Hard Cheese (v) available each day (248kcal)

# Available daily Unlimited salad bar:

A combination of plain salad items, alongside a wide variety of composite vegan, vegetarian and meat salads are available at lunch and dinner.

### Fresh fruit:

A variety of fresh fruit is available at all meals.

### Safety and wellbeing

We know how daunting it can be letting your child go on a residential visit, so we do everything we can to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Our policies and procedures are designed to make sure we adhere to the highest safety standards at all times:

- Continual safety and first aid training for all staff
- Regular checks on equipment before and after every activity session
- Qualified First-Aider on centre 24/7
- All staff are fully DBS checked.

We create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. All our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with.

We have found the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk.

Kingswood cannot guarantee 100% safety for personal items brought onto centre and they will not be covered by insurance. It is therefore advisable to leave valuables – cameras, mobiles, iPods, MP3 players, computer games, jewellery - at home. A clearly named disposable camera is acceptable.







### Residential Code of Conduct

2 hard copies will be sent home-one to keep and one to sign and send back to school.



Please go through this carefully with your child

If you are:
not comfortable
have any doubts
have any worries
If the residential causes anxiety....

Do not feel you have to send your child - there is no expectation for children to take part in residentials so please don't feel pressured.

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you are having doubts

Ultimately it is your decision.

### Thank you!

Any questions?

