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### Year 5 Residential to PGL Ford Castle -18<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to be able to write to you and give an update about our residential trip to Ford Castle in June. It would be very useful for all parents to look at the very comprehensive website that seems to answer most questions:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/education>

<https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/ford-castle/>

If you have any questions after visiting the website - please email these into the office. After Easter we will be talking to the children too and answering their questions.

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** please ensure your child arrives with a **disposable** packed lunch and an extra water bottle as well as their case! It would be a good idea to pack this with them and talk through exactly what is in the case as this helps them to organise themselves and with the re-packing on the Friday. Please ensure the children are able to carry their own cases too! Do not provide any sweets for the bus journey but do let us know if your child suffers from travel sickness. Please take suitcases to the log cabin at drop off on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones, smart watches, expensive cameras, electronic games, kindles, iPods or MP3 players, expensive favourite clothing or shoes. Kingswood can't accept liability for the loss, theft or damage of any personal property your child may bring. Please ensure all jewellery is left at home (children will not be allowed to wear earrings / necklaces / bracelets etc. for obvious reasons).**

Children are able to bring £10 in an envelope / purse / wallet to spend at the shop and it is their responsibility to manage this money whilst we are away.

Whilst we are away, we will update Miss Solomon in the school office of any relevant information so that she will be able to share this with you.

Mrs O'Reilly will be leading the trip supported by Mrs Morris. During our stay the children will complete the range of activities on offer over the three days. Our staff will be providing pastoral support whilst the experts lead on the various activities. When we are not taking part in an activity we will be directly responsible for the children - for example meal times and also during the night.





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### What does my child need to pack?

We have attached the recommended packing list from PGL. **Please read this carefully** as it is different to the Dukeshouse Wood kit list supplied in previous years

**\*Please note that most activities require long sleeves -wearing shorts is not appropriate either. Please do not wear any jewellery - the activities are physical and we do not want to have any health and safety issues**

<b>Wednesday 18th June -</b> Children arrive at school for 8.45am as normal.  Please take your cases to the Log Cabin where staff will meet you.	Departure from school 11.00am Travel to PGL Ford Castle Packed lunch Afternoon activities Dinner Evening Activity
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Breakfast Morning activities Lunch Afternoon activities Dinner 1 evening activity
<b>Friday 20th June</b> depart Ford at 2.00pm, arrive back at Hipsburn for the end of the school day	Breakfast Morning activities Lunch

Please inform the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Moloney  
Headteacher

