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Dear Kingfisher Parents and Carers

### **Kingfisher Residential Camp May 2024**

As you may well remember, we held a meeting towards the end of last school year to discuss plans for a different model for the way in which we deliver an enriched curriculum for children in Year 5 and 6 across the two years they are in Kingfisher class. The plan discussed was to introduce a week of a wide range of cultural, physical and enriching experiences in the local area (for one year) and continue with the full residential model for the other.

Having considered this carefully over the summer, and having spoken again to staff and, via Mr Miller, to the class, I have now come to a final decision about the way forward. While there are compelling reasons to me to change our approach, the popularity of a full residential trip is undeniable, and **we will therefore keep to the existing arrangement of having a 4-night/ 5-day residential week in both Kingfisher years.** I'm pleased to say that we have been able to reserve the full week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at [Kingswood Residential and Outdoor Activity Centre in North Devon](#).

I do know that the cost of this grows year on year, and never more so than in the last year with inflation being especially high. Details of payment plans will be with you shortly for the full residential, which will cost just over £500 per child, including the cost of the coach.

We do not want children to miss out on the experience due to cost alone, and cost was one of the reasons why we were considering a different approach. So if when the payment details come out to you, you wish to speak to me in confidence about that, please be assured that you are very welcome to do so.

We may review the approach again in future years but you can be assured that the full residential model will remain in place in both 2024 and 2025.

Kind regards

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