



Kingswood

Inspiring Learning

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# Learning Outside the Classroom

Hipsburn Primary School

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# Introduction to Kingswood

We support teachers in bringing learning to life and with 30 years' experience, we know what works and we are proud to deliver immersive learning at it's very best.

- Working with 3,500 schools per year and 130,000 students, we are a leading trusted provider of residential trips
- We aim to instil self confidence and a sense of achievement through a positive experience which is educational and enjoyable, challenging and rewarding
- **We know what we are doing!**
  - Founding members of the British Activities Providers Association (BAPA)
  - We hold a 'Learning Outside the Classroom' quality badge and have full accreditation with all relevant agencies



# Your centre – Dukeshouse Wood

Dukeshouse Wood has had a whole raft of new adventure activity features installed to become one of the country's leading residential activity centres. The activity park houses many of these new additions including a zipwire, outdoor laser, Jacob's ladder, an outdoor climbing and abseiling tower and leap of faith.



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| 1 Reception & diner  | 5 Aeroball        | 9 High ropes      |
| 2 Accommodation      | 6 Problem solving | 10 Archery        |
| 3 Fencing/disco hall | 7 Quad biking     | 11 Zip wire       |
| 4 Activity barn      | 8 3G swing        | 12 Team challenge |

# Your centre – Dukeshouse Wood

- Set in 18 acres of unspoilt countryside
- All our programmes are tailor-made to suit individual needs, requirements and learning outcomes
- Over 40 activities are available, including leap of faith, abseiling, 3G swing, giant zipwire and bushcraft
- The centre also has a weather-friendly activity barn housing an indoor climbing and laser arena
- Can accommodate up to 310 young people in multi-bed rooms, all with en-suite facilities





# A day full of fun

## A typical day at Kingswood runs as follows:

- Breakfast is served between 7.30am and 9am
- First activities start around 9.30am
- 10 minute water break
- Lunch time allocation between 12pm and 2.30pm
- A full afternoon of activities
- 10 minute water break
- Evening meal time allocation between 5pm and 7pm
- Evening activities until 9pm
- Lights out by 10.00pm



Kingswood will create a programme to meet specific objectives, needs and learning outcomes.

- Six activity sessions per full day plus one final evening session
- Fully qualified Kingswood activity instructors lead all activities
- Students are encouraged and praised during activities but are NEVER forced to take part if they are not comfortable doing so

While other groups will also be present on centre during our stay, all programmes and activities are conducted separately, unless otherwise stated.

# Food glorious food!

**It's important for students to maintain high energy levels throughout your stay, so three freshly-prepared, healthy buffet style meals are served daily in the communal dining area.**

- All meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the latest Government standards on childrens' meals
- A varied choice is always offered, with both hot and cold meals, a salad bar, at least one vegetarian option and yes, sometimes even chips!
- Plenty of water is available at all meal times
- Most dietary requirements can be catered for as long as we are told in advance - forms will be issued to the group prior to your visit for this purpose and to establish any medical needs



# Bedtime routine

Plenty of sleep is required to recharge the batteries, so lights are usually turned out by 10.15pm.





# Sleeping – a home away from home!

- All residential dormitories are warm, comfortable and 100% secure
- Girls and boys sleep in separate areas and teachers rooms are located close by to allow for plenty of close supervision
- All bedding is provided at the centre - one of the very first tasks for all students is making up their own beds!
- Separate showers and toilet facilities are available for girls and boys
- Dorms at Dukeshouse Wood are single sex, multi-bed rooms all with en-suite facilities



# 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.



# Any questions?

# Thank you