



**Kingswood**  
Inspiring Learning



# Learning Outside the Classroom

Oasis Academy Watermead

Monday 4th - Friday 8th March 2023

# 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.



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# Your centre – Dearne Valley

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 water sports lake and access to the adjacent River Don, Dearne Valley offers something for everyone.

## **Facilities at our South Yorkshire Outdoor Centre**

**Outdoors:** State of the art activity park with challenging apparatus including high and low ropes, zipwire and climbing

**Indoors:** Giant indoor sports hall for climbing, fencing, archery, sport and team building activities, plus a laser zone

**Water sports:** Purpose-built water sports lake and adjacent River Don for raft building, kayaking and canoeing

**Gift shop:** Our on-site shops sell snacks and drinks, as well as postcards, souvenirs, games and mementoes

**Other facilities:** Diner, chill-out areas, party leader lounges, indoor and outdoor classroom spaces, natural water treatment plant, outdoor amphitheatre

# 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 refreshment break
- Lunch time allocation between 12pm and 2.30pm
- A full afternoon of activities
- 10 minute refreshment break
- Evening meal time allocation between 5pm and 7pm
- Evening entertainment from 7.45pm followed by hot chocolate (on request)
- Lights out by 10:15pm



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 juice and water is available at all 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

To finish off each day, hot chocolate is served before students return to their dorms. Plenty of sleep is required to recharge the batteries, so lights are usually turned out by 9.30pm.



# 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 on 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 Dearne Valley all have en-suite bathrooms and 4-10 beds





# Kit list

- Indoor Trainer/pumps
- Wellies
- Outside trainers/walking boots – that fasten tight.
- Waterproof jacket and bottoms
- 5 pairs of tracksuit bottoms/trousers (not jeans)
- Plenty of warm socks
- Plenty of clean underwear
- Water bottle
- Long sleeve tops/sweatshirts
- Dressing gown/onsies
- PJ's
- Towel, Toiletries and tooth brush
- Hair brush and bobbles (girls)
- Swimming trunks/costume

# Additional Information

- Long hair must be tied back – please bring a hairbrush & accessories
- Please do not send aerosols with your children.
- Spending money £5 maximum.
- Please do not send sweets – they can buy them on site.
- No electronic devices or mobile phones.
- Extra warm clothing & waterproofs are advised for cold & wet weather conditions
- All safety equipment for activities will be provided.
- Staff must be made aware of any dietary needs or medical conditions.
- If your child needs medicine administering whilst at Kingswood –your must complete an administration of medicine form.

# Plan

- Children will leave around 12.30pm after lunch (please feel free to come wave them off).
- Children will return approximately 2.30pm (children will be free to go home when they arrive back).
- Emergency contact – to be supplied

# Any questions?

# Thank you