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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you a couple of weeks ago regarding the sudden and unexpected closure of The Kingswood Centre. <u>Residential Update January 2025</u>.

We are pleased to inform you that we have been offered the same dates at an alternative site run by PGL in Shropshire – <u>Boreatton Park</u>. PGL will accept the money that has already been paid to Kingswood plus any outstanding payments and will match the cost we had been quoted.

Unfortunately, Boreatton Park is an hour's drive away so it would not be feasible for NEWA to take the children there and back in their minibus. Using Kingswood, meant that we were able to offer the trip without any travel costs. We have managed to provisionally book a minibus and driver. However, the cost of this is over £500! (one company quoted over £900!) I'm sure you will understand that school are unable to cover all of this cost, especially as we have already subsidised the cost of the original trip. We are asking that parents make a payment toward the cost of travel based on what they feel they are able to afford, to enable the trip to go ahead.

A payment option has been added to the Gateway app. Please could any outstanding payments for the original trip and travel payment be made by Wednesday 26th February.

The meeting planned for Monday 3rd February has been postponed until **Monday 24th February at 3.20pm** as we will need to gain information about the new site before sharing this with parents.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Jen Ferretti Headteacher







