



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, your child has been taking part in the Finding Futures / Rising Futures programme at Passmores Academy. We are very excited to share with you the details of our Into the Wild residential trip which is set to take place on:

Friday 17th June – Sunday 19th June 2022

This residential trip is an essential part of **Rising Futures** and all students should attend. The Into the Wild experience is a great opportunity for students to showcase all that they have learnt in their coaching sessions, as they will get to put their Resilience and Communication skills to the test!

About the weekend

Students will be participating in a variety of activities, such as crate stack, leap of faith, problem solving and team challenges. All activities will be led by fully trained Kingswood centre staff and supervised by the Yes Futures team. The trip will be attended by students from up to eight of our other partner schools.

We will be staying at a Kingswood centre in Kent. The full address is: Kingswood Activity Centre, Grosvenor Hall, Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN25 4AJ. You can visit the centre's website here: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/grosvenor-hall/>

Travel arrangements

On Friday 17th June, the students will be meeting the Rising Futures team at **9.30am** to travel by coach to Grosvenor Hall. Your child should arrive at school at the **usual time and meet Mr Butler in the Heart Space**. They should come to school in their non-uniform clothes.

On Sunday 19th June, we expect to be back at school by 4.30pm. We will update you on our journey time on the day should there be any significant change to this time. Please ensure that arrangements are made for your child to be collected from school promptly at this time.

What does my child need to bring?

You will find a full Kit List attached. All students should come prepared for both warm and possible cold, wet weather and pack accordingly. If the weather is particularly bad, we will run alternative indoor activities.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day, Friday 17th June. After that, all food will be provided throughout the weekend.

Also attached is a Code of Conduct to outline expectations for the weekend. Please ensure that both you and your child familiarise yourselves with this. All this information and more can be found on our webpage here: <https://www.yesfutures.org/rf-june-itw>.



How do I secure my child's place?

In order for your child to attend, you must complete an online Information and Medication Consent Form via this link: <https://bit.ly/FFRF17June> This updates/ confirms any support, medication and emergency contact details you gave us at the start of the programme. **Please complete this form as soon as possible and no later than 3rd June.**

Throughout the weekend, or prior to then, should you need to contact the Yes Futures team, please don't hesitate to use the numbers below:

Primary Contact: Sharon Armfield, Programme Manager – 07535 738 292,
sharon@yesfutures.org

Secondary Contact: Brandon Charleston, Finding & Rising Futures Duty Manager – 07494 725158

We are really looking forward to seeing your child for what is set to be a very exciting weekend!

Kind regards,

Sharon Armfield
Passmores Academy Programme Manager
Yes Futures

Kit List – Into The Wild Weekend

Being Prepared and Packing Smart

Plan every day logically, bearing in mind that you may need to change clothes after certain activities. You will get wet and muddy, so we recommend, old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. It may also get cold, so pack to keep warm. Please pay close attention to the quantities of each item recommended.

You need to bring a **PACKED LUNCH ON THE FIRST DAY (FRIDAY)**.

All other meals are provided.

Please do not bring any money or any additional food.

Packing list

Clothing:

- 8x pairs of socks
- 6x underwear
- 1x pyjamas
- 2x warm jumpers/hoodies
- 4x t-shirts/tops
- 3x trousers (jeans are not suitable for activities)
- 1x walking boots or sturdy trainers to be used for activities (slides or wellies are not suitable)
- 1x spare trainers for indoors
- Waterproof coat
- Sunhat / Warm hat (depending on expected weather)

Other items:

- Water bottle (labelled with your name)
- Face covering for indoor areas
- Backpack / day bag
- Reading book
- Laundry bag
- Bin liners/ plastic bags for wet clothes
- Torch (optional)
- Watch (optional)

Personal items:

- Glasses / Contact lenses
- Personal medication

Don't have everything?: If there are items on the list you don't have or can't borrow, please don't worry. There is **NO** expectation for you to buy new things. Please get in touch with your Yes Futures Programme Manager in advance who will see if the item can be borrowed from the centre.

Toiletries:

- Deodorant (non-spray)
- Brush/comb
- Towel and washcloth
- Spare 'old' towel for wet activities
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Tissues
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Hair ties
- Feminine items (if required)
- Sun cream

Please ensure all your clothing and possessions are labelled with your name.

You will be staying in shared single-sex accommodation.

Our supervisory staff are fully DBS checked and trained in child protection. They will always be around to help you.

Mobile Phones: Please note that Yes Futures cannot take responsibility for any mobile phones brought on the trip. Mobile phones are brought at the child's own risk and are only to be used in bedrooms. Please also note there is no Wifi access at the Kingwood site.

Into the Wild Code of Conduct



Rewards

Throughout the weekend, we will be rewarding students who demonstrate the Yes Futures Talents:

Confidence, Resilience, Communication and Self-Awareness.

There are prizes to be won, so students should make sure they are brushing up on their targets!

Although we do not expect any negative behaviour, we have outlined the below Code of Conduct to ensure that all students have the best possible experience throughout the trip.

The following behaviours warrant a formal warning:

- Not following instructions or being uncooperative;
- Being disrespectful to any other person (e.g. swearing);
- Being deliberately late to programme sessions or going against the timetable;
- Acting or dressing inappropriately or in a way that causes offence;
- Leaving the group without permission;
- Not behaving courteously during mealtimes;
- Deliberately physically hurting another person;
- Using mobile phones outside of bedrooms;
- Using mobile phones in an inappropriate way;
- Entering another bedroom without permission;
- Being noisy or leaving their bedroom after lights out;
- Being disrespectful of the environment (e.g. littering).

Consequences

If a student receives a formal warning, they will sit separately at the next mealtime with a Trip Leader. If it is the second warning that student has received, they will also miss an activity session.

If any student builds up three formal warnings at any time during the trip, they will be sent home.

The following behaviours warrant instant exclusion. If a student does any of the following, they will be sent home immediately:

- Theft;
- Bullying another person;
- Demonstrating destructive or violent behaviour towards people or equipment;
- Smoking or possessing cigarettes;
- Drinking or possessing alcohol;
- Taking or possessing drugs;
- Using or possessing fireworks or weapons;
- Displaying any behaviour of a sexual nature;
- Breaking the law.

NB. Yes Futures reserves the right to send any student home if their behaviour is considered unacceptable. Any theft or other illegal activities will be reported to the police.

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