

Castleway Primary School

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Sunday, 19th January 2025

Dear Families,

Please excuse the Sunday intrusion. I'm writing to you today as we have been contacted by a number of you with regards to our upcoming residential visit to Kingswood Colomendy.

Unfortunately, Inspiring Learning (Kingswood's Parent Company) has announced this weekend that it is going in to administration with immediate effect. There have been a number of posts on social media about this over the weekend, this is how the issue was initially brought to my attention.

The company have posted a statement on their website. I'm sharing the parts relevant to us below:

As of today, the Inspiring Learning Group ("IL") has sought protection from its creditors by placing IL into administration. As a result, the Kingswood business is impacted, with seven centres closing immediately. Three centres have been acquired by PGL, which is committed to ensuring all trips go ahead as planned. They have also worked with our administrators to provide a package of support to groups where centres are closing, by offering alternative arrangements at PGL centres, with no financial impact to parents. PGL will accept bookings from impacted customers at a price previously agreed with Kingswood and will recognise any monies previously paid to the Inspiring Learning Group. We are in the process of contacting all customers who have a confirmed or a provisional booking for 2025. For further information go to www.pglbeyond.com/kingswood-support.

This means that PGL (a similar company to Kingswood) will honour our booking and acknowledge any money that we have already paid. This is a great relief to me as I'm sure it is to you.

I have registered for a call back from PGL to confirm which centre we will be visiting. PGL are a long standing company with an amazing reputation for providing children with brilliant experiences away from home. I am incredibly confident that our children will have just as good an experience that Kingswood have previously offered, if not better, when they visit PGL.

Just to confirm, the trip will be going ahead. As soon as I have any further information I will share this with you.

As someone who has been taking groups of children to Colomendy for a number of years now, this news is disappointing. I'm holding out hope that the centre may live on if someone is in a position to buy it and secure it for future generations of children to access.

Kind regards,

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