

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School

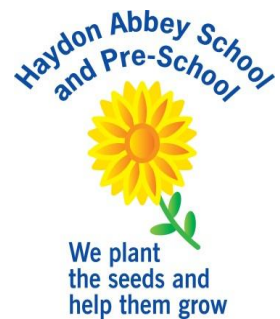
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Educational Visits and Parental Contributions

At Haydon Abbey School, we passionately believe that school trips provide invaluable experiences that enrich our pupils' learning and personal development. We always want to offer these wonderful opportunities to bring our curriculum to life outside the classroom.

In previous years, we have been fortunate enough to fully subsidise these outings. Unfortunately, due to significant and ongoing budget pressures affecting schools nationwide, we are no longer in a financial position to do this.

Moving forward, we will always do our best to support our families. We constantly seek the best possible value for money when planning outings, and we will aim to provide as long a lead time as possible to help with household budgeting.

However, for these trips to go ahead, we must rely on your support. We want to be entirely transparent about the legal and financial reality of how trips are funded:

- The Law on Voluntary Contributions: By law, schools cannot charge for activities that take place during school hours. Therefore, any request for funding is classified as a voluntary contribution. No child will ever be excluded from a trip because a contribution has not been made.
- The Financial Reality: While contributions are voluntary, our school budget has no surplus to cover shortfalls. If a trip does not receive enough parental contributions to cover its core costs (such as transport and entry fees), it simply cannot run.

Sadly, as we recently experienced with the Year 2 Bournemouth trip, **we will have no choice but to cancel future outings if we do not receive sufficient funding to cover the costs.** We want to avoid this wherever possible, but the school cannot operate trips at a financial loss.

We love seeing our pupils thrive on these adventures and truly hope we can work together to keep these opportunities alive for them. Thank you for your continued understanding, partnership, and support.

Miss A Ferdinand

Headteacher

