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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Trips and Voluntary Contributions

At Haydon Abbey, 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 our children to bring their learning to life outside the classroom.

In previous years, we have been very fortunate to be able to fully subsidise all trips for all pupils. Unfortunately, due to significant and ongoing budget cuts over the last few years, the school is no longer in a financial position to subsidise these outings.

Moving forward, we want to reassure you that we will always work hard to keep the costs of trips as low as possible, and we will ensure you are given plenty of notice and time to pay.

However, for these trips to go ahead, we must rely on your support. While these payments are legally classified as a **voluntary contribution**, the reality is that the school cannot afford to cover the shortfall if these contributions are not received. Sadly, as we recently experienced with the Year 2 Bournemouth trip, we will have no choice but to cancel planned trips in the future if we do not receive sufficient payments to cover the costs.

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.

Kind regards

Miss A Ferdinand
Headteacher

