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## Understanding School Trip Contributions for 2025/26

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

We are writing to you today to explain why contributions are requested for school trips and visits. We firmly believe that educational visits are an invaluable extension of classroom learning, offering our pupils unique, enriching experiences that bring the curriculum to life, foster independence, and create lasting memories.

While these opportunities are immensely beneficial, they do incur significant additional costs that are not covered by the school's standard operating budget. Our core school budget is allocated to essential resources such as staffing, classroom materials, utilities, and maintaining the school premises, all of which are vital for providing high-quality daily education.

School trips and visits involve expenses beyond these routine costs. These typically include:

- **Transportation:** The cost of coaches, public transport, or other necessary travel for all pupils and accompanying staff.
- **Admission Fees:** Entry fees to museums, galleries, historical sites, workshops, and other educational venues.
- **Activity Costs:** Specific workshop fees, special equipment hire, or guided tours.
- **Staffing:** While our dedicated staff generously give their time, some trips may require additional supervisory staff to ensure safe pupil-to-adult ratios, which can sometimes involve external cover or specific expertise.

Under education law, all school trips that take place during school hours must be offered to pupils, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. However, the law also states that schools cannot subsidise these optional activities from their main budget, as this budget is intended for the core educational provision of all pupils.

Therefore, we rely on **voluntary contributions** from parents to cover the costs associated with these enriching experiences. Without these contributions, it would simply not be financially viable for us to offer the wide range of exciting trips and visits that enhance our pupils' learning journey. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received for a particular trip, we may, as we have done this year, have to cancel the visit, as the school cannot cover the shortfall.

We understand that financial circumstances can vary, and we are committed to ensuring that no child misses out due to genuine financial hardship. If you find it difficult to make a contribution for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact the school office in confidence. We are always happy to discuss possible solutions and support options, which may include payment plans or accessing specific funds where available.

Our proposed trips for next year (which are always subject to change due to circumstances that are out of our control) are found on the next page:





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**Trips and Visits Overview 2025/26**

Free Trips are in Green

Paid trips are in Blue

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Walk on the meadow	Traditional Tales Workshop Cost: £7	Chessington Zoo Cost: £25
Year 1	Mellows park	Traditional Tales Workshop Cost: £6	Freshwater Theatre Company - Weather & Seasons Cost: £5.50
Year 2	Tower of London Fire Workshop Cost: £6	Tower of London Visit Cost: £9	African drumming workshop Cost: £7.50
Year 3	Roman Day Workshop Cost: £8	Water SES trip - Bough Beech Cost: £18.50	Paddington Bear Experience Cost: £14
Year 4	Orchestra visit	Saxon Workshop Cost: £10	Residential - High Ashurst Cost: £270
Year 5	Kew Gardens Cost: £25	Tudor Workshop Cost: £6.50	Science Museum Cost: £5
Year 6	The Army Museum Cost: £6.00	Monarchy Workshop in school Cost: £10	Residential - PGL Cost: £585
Nurture	Sainsburys	Cinema Trip	Bowling

*\*exact prices will be confirmed a few month before the event once we are able to book onto them*

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in making these valuable educational experiences possible for the children of Bandon Hill Primary School. Your contributions directly enable us to provide a rich and diverse learning environment that extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

Kind regards,

Mr Hopkins  
 Headteacher

