

Dear Parents

Educational Visits

At Oak Hill we recognise that Educational Visits are an important part of a child's education as they provide children with new and exciting experiences. Therefore, we have always ensured that each year group has at least 3 educational visits per year, one which is fully funded by parents, one that is 50% funded by the school and 50% parental contributions and then at least one which is free. The number of trips that we provide for our children is generally higher than most other schools in the local area.

With school budgets being cut, the governors may have to review the amount that they already subsidise as this potentially is money towards basic resources. In the past, if we have not received enough parental contributions for the trips the governors have ensured that the trips go ahead by increasing the subsidy to make up the shortfall from the school budget. The Governors have already indicated that subsidising this further to this extent just isn't an option. In the past financial year, we have subsidised trips to a cost of over £7000. The fundraising from different school events has raised £2000, so an additional £5000 has had to be found to cover the trips being taken, reducing our ability to purchase items such as additional play equipment for lunchtimes, extending our bank or i-pads and redecorating classrooms.

In future, before we can organise trips we will be writing to inform you about the trips we are proposing. If it is a trip where we need financial support, we will be asking if you are willing to make the contribution. Following a positive response, we will then book the trip and expect the contributions to be paid on parentpay by the given date.

Our children love their school trips and it would be a shame for us to have to reduce the number of trips that the children experience.

When we go on trips we need to ensure the children's safety and therefore we usually need to take extra helpers. If you are free during the day and would like to help us on trips please could you put your contact details below so that I can build up a bank of parent helpers.

If you require any further information about trips please see your child's Assistant Head Teacher

Mrs Harris Foundation Stage Miss Harwood KS1 Mrs Baker KS2

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Stanton

Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC)

I would be willing to help on future trips.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____