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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 1

Subject: School trips and visits 2026/2027

Now that your child is in Year 1, they will be entering an exciting and enriching year ahead. Our curriculum is designed to offer a coherent range of knowledge and skills that will ready your child for the next phase of their education. Our most recent Ofsted report recognised this work and commented that "The school provides an excellent education for pupils. It has created an exceptional curriculum that is resolutely focused on all pupils achieving the very best they can. There is a sharp focus on the key knowledge and skills that pupils need to learn well." We remain committed to that sharp focus and to providing learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom and bring the curriculum to life.

As part of this commitment, we provide children with a programme of trips and in-school enrichment activities closely linked to our overarching themes of learning, such as "Oh, What a Disaster?" and "Is There a Problem in the Forest?" In Year 1, children will have the opportunity across the year to engage in the following experiences:

- An in-school Planetarium visit;
- A school trip to Hillier Gardens;
- The Open Box Theatre Company's Fire of London experience in school;
- A Natural History Museum Dinosaur workshop in school.

Over recent years we have shifted from a predominance of off-site visits to a greater emphasis on high-quality, in-school enrichment experiences. While these in-school events reduce some costs—most notably the expense of coach hire, which has become prohibitively expensive—they still incur fees for specialist providers. As these activities are not funded by the school, we must ask for voluntary contributions to cover their costs. Regrettably, without sufficient contributions these valuable experiences become unaffordable and may have to be cancelled. We know, however, that such visits are often the memories that stay with children into adulthood.

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To assist budgeting for families and to help us plan and secure provision, this year we are trialling a new payment option. You may choose to pay for the Year 1 enrichment programme in one of two ways: a single, one-off payment for the whole year; or by paying for each visit individually as it arises. The total cost for your child to participate in all the Year 1 enrichment activities is:

- £33 for the year (single payment) – we have taken off the £6 Planetarium Visit
- alternatively, the individual cost of each trip or visit will be published at the time consent slips are sent out.

You will shortly receive a text message providing you with information as to how to pay for the whole year online. If paying online for the whole year, you will be asked to give your consent for future trips.

If you have any concerns or require financial assistance with these visits and trips, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are committed to ensuring that every child can benefit from these enrichment opportunities and will work with families to find an appropriate solution wherever possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher

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Year 1: Whole Year Trip Payment **Please return by Friday 13 November**

Name of child: …….. Class: ……

☐ I enclose £33 for the whole year ☐ I have paid online

☐ I wish to receive change ☐ I wish to donate any change to the school