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Dear Parents

FARMOR'S SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

To assist you in planning for the academic year ahead, I have compiled a list of all trips and visits currently planned for this academic year. These trips are all designed to provide enriching experiences for students; the vast majority of which also support and enhance the curriculum.

The way we work out the cost of running trips is outlined in our Charging and Remissions Policy, which is published on our school website. Most trips fit into the 'Optional Extras' category and, as such, are chargeable. However, some of the trips listed for Key Stage 4, such as Geography field trips, form essential parts of subjects' coursework requirements or exam syllabuses and are therefore not chargeable. To help the school meet the cost of non-chargeable trips, we have to ask for voluntary contributions from parents; without sufficient contributions these trips may not be able to operate. Farmor's School believes that all students should have equal opportunity to benefit from school activities independent of their parents' financial means. We endeavour to minimise the financial barriers that may prevent some students from taking advantage of these opportunities. Please look at the website [here](#) for information about how to apply for help with trip costs or talk to your child's Head of Year.

Some of the costs indicated are provisional at this stage. The trip leader will write to the parents of the relevant students in due course to give more information and a confirmed cost (some may have already done so). Trip payments should always be paid directly to the school's Finance Office through ParentPay.

Farmor's School has an excellent record of safety on school trips. There are clear Policies in place at the school which lay down the procedures for trips. The school contracts Gloucestershire County Council's Health and Safety Executive for quality assurance and to support the planning of residential/foreign trips and adventure activities. All trips are approved by myself, as the appointed Educational Visits Co-ordinator, once planning documents and risk assessment procedures have been agreed with trip leaders.

To give your **consent** for your child to be involved in all single day offsite activities this year, please complete the Trip Consent Form [here](#) as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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