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AN ACADEMY

Dear Parents

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FARMOR'S SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

To assist you in planning for the academic year ahead, I have compiled a list of all trips and visits currently approved 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. All trips are planned to run as cheaply as possible to avoid extra costs for parents. 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 confirmed cost (some may have already done so). The terms and conditions [document](#) provides further information and should be considered before making payments. Payments should always be made 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.

Please inform us if your child's medical details have changed recently.

We will inform you through the weekly Parent Bulletin of any low risk off site activities during the school day, where consent need not be given. We will always ask for formal consent before taking your child on any residential or more risky activities.

Yours sincerely

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