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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Voluntary Contributions for school trips

The term 'voluntary contributions' came into being now decades ago and has since served to confuse schools and parents alike. Schools were told at the time that any activity such as visitors to school or school trips, we could ask for voluntary contributions.

The government at the time, and subsequent governments, stated 'it must be made clear to parents that the contributions are voluntary, and parents must not be made to feel pressurised into paying.'

In truth, due to the huge financial pressures schools find themselves under, asking for voluntary contributions will be seen to be more and more important in adding visitors or trips to our school offer.

In previous years, school has always 'topped up' the difference of non-paid voluntary contributions, but this is becoming more and more difficult to do.

It may come to a point where, without a specific percentage of voluntary contributions being paid, say 80-90%, the event or trip must be cancelled.

In November last year, I wrote asking if you would be happy to pay between £20 and £25 for a school trip and you overwhelmingly stated that this was what you wanted.

Sadly, we have spent a significant amount of time chasing payments for our upcoming year 2 trip and we also note that many deposits have not yet been paid for other class trips.

I would urge you to make payments as soon as possible or speak to us if you are facing financial difficulty to avoid trips being cancelled.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Barlow  
Head Teacher

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