



23 September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Residential trip for Year 5**

Following very successful trips in previous years, we have once again booked a short residential trip for Year 5 in 2017. This year the children will be going to the Eaton Vale Activity Centre in Norfolk from Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 17 May, spending one night at the centre. The children will take part in a full programme of activities over the two days.

We would like to offer this opportunity to all pupils in Year 5 and would strongly encourage all the children to come along if they possibly can. Residential courses organised by the school are an optional but invaluable part of the National Curriculum and children benefit enormously from the experience, both educationally and socially. We feel certain that the course we have chosen this year will prove to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

The cost of the visit will be £90, which includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation and a full programme of activities. To secure a place for your child, a first payment of £45 will be required by Friday 7 October. Please make cheques payable to Duxford C of E Community Primary School. The remaining £45 will be payable just before February half-term next year. If this timetable presents a problem for you, please come and talk to us.

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988, the activities described in this letter may not be charged for compulsorily. A voluntary contribution is requested and the sum suggested is specified in this letter. I have to explain that should you decide not to contribute, the law states that your child should still be entitled to take part in the visit. In reality, however, the visit will not take place if the costs cannot be met. If your child is on (or has ever received) free school meals, and you have any concerns about paying some or all of the cost of the trip, the school currently has some funding set aside to help with this sort of difficulty. Please come and talk to us or to Mrs Cahill in confidence if this may apply to you. We are keen that all the children take part.

Please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office, together with the £45 first payment, by Friday 7 October. If you have any concerns about the trip, please come and talk to us before this date.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Medley and Laura Johnston  
*Class teachers*

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### **Eaton Vale**

I would like my child .....  
to attend the residential trip to Eaton Vale Activity Centre in May 2017. I understand that the cost of the trip will be £90, and enclose an initial payment of £45.  
(Please make cheques payable to Duxford C of E Community Primary School.)

**SIGNED** ..... **DATED** .....