



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Learning for Life



Thursday 15th May 2025

Educational Visits

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, one of the many exciting things that the children experience at Meridian Primary is the opportunity to visit lots of different places as part of our curriculum. These include Drusillas, the National Gallery in London, Cuckmere River, Ashdown Forest, Brighton Pavilion, Bluebell Railway and many more besides.

The children love these educational visits and they really bring the learning to life in new and exciting contexts!

I want to thank you all for your support with the costs towards these trips – I appreciate that paying for trips is an additional household expense, particularly in light of recent rising costs. I also appreciate for some of our families, our trips were a significant reason for bringing your children to Meridian in the first place. So the Governors and I are in agreement that we need to support families financially to afford these experiences.

In order to make these trips affordable to you, the Governors and I are committed to ensuring that wherever possible, we cap the price of these educational visits to £15 per child. This means that the school allocates money from our whole school budget to subsidise most trips.

For example, the actual cost of our planned trip for Year 1 and Year 2 to visit the Bluebell Railway and have the wonderful opportunity to experience steam train travel is £23 – this covers both the coach travel and the train tickets. This is obviously not something the Governors or I feel comfortable asking families to pay, so we have subsidised this by contributing £8 per child (total cost to the school of £960) to support everyone.

However, we do really need your contributions too to support these educational visits otherwise we are not going to be able to run these wonderful experiences in the future.

I want to acknowledge that the parent and carers at Meridian are amazing at supporting these great trips and your contributions mean the children really do make some wonderful memories of their primary school days. I expect lots of you have fond memories of trips you went on at school too – I know I do!

So, thank you for your ongoing support with making Meridian such a great place to be and thank you for continuing to contribute towards the cost of our educational visits.

Yours sincerely

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