

Dear Parents,

At Berrywood we aim to offer your children the fullest possible education, with a varied exciting curriculum. As part of this, projects are often supported by educational visits or visitors, which I know are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The school budget finances all the 'essentials' that are needed to ensure the National Curriculum is delivered, but cannot support these visits. It is for this reason that I have to ask parents if they are willing to contribute towards the cost where applicable. If you are unable to contribute the full amount, any contribution received would work towards making the visit more viable. Should a number of parents not be prepared to make a contribution then, unfortunately, the visit may not be able to proceed.

Year 6 are delighted to be able to take the children to London to visit the Natural History Museum on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The trip will be a treat for the children having completed their SATs tests but will also be linked to our project for next half term, 'Let's go outside!' As part of the trip, children will visit a Charles Darwin exhibition, as we will be studying his life and works throughout the half term in science, project and English.

The cost of the trip is £16.91 per child which covers the cost of transport to and from the museum and staffing. The coaches will leave school at 8:00am and we would therefore ask that the children arrive at 7:50am to be registered. We will then leave the museum at 3:00pm and hope to be back to Berrywood by 5:00pm. Updates regarding arrival time will be posted on the school's twitter feed @BerrywoodP.

On this day your child will require a packed lunch in a named plastic bag, which will be disposed of – no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please. If your child is entitled to free school meals a lunch bag will be provided, however should you not require this please inform your child's class teacher. In addition to this, if your child has signed up to the KS2 healthy snack initiative we will provide your child with an apple, if not your child will also need a separate snack and drink in a named plastic bag, which will also be disposed of. The children should wear their school uniform and may bring £5.00 spending money which they should safely keep hold of throughout the day.

Since the financial year 2010/11 the income generated from school trips has declined year on year, despite the cost of transport having increased significantly. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds over this period. I would also like to stress that **schools are not allowed to make a profit from any trip or visitor** and therefore, in the interests of openness, a breakdown of the cost of this trip is shown below.

Activity	Cost
Staffing costs	£90.00
Coaches	£1500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1590.00</b>
Divided by 94 Children	£16.91 per head

If your child still has a £2.40 credit from the overpayment of PGL this will automatically be applied to Scopay for this trip.

Please return the slip below giving your consent for your child to attend the trip. Please also inform us of your emergency contact details should we need to contact you during the day and record any medical needs your child has.

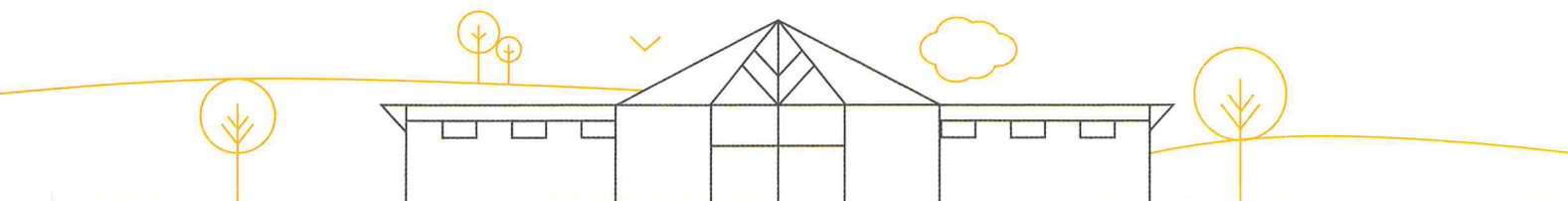
Please note that as per new regulations, we are unable to take children on the trip if we do not have written consent. The slip below should be returned to your child's class teacher by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

We do hope that this is an enjoyable and educational learning experience for the children. If you do have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely



Chris Reilly  
Headteacher



**To: Miss Cunningham / Miss Gardiner / Mr Rolfe, Year 6 Team**

\*I give / \*do not give my consent for my child to attend the Year 6 trip to The Natural History Museum on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

\*I have paid online at [www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri](http://www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri) / \*I enclose my voluntary contribution of £16.91. If paying by cheque please make payable to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Emergency contact name for the day: .....

Emergency contact number for the day: .....

Any medical conditions we should be aware of: .....

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Child's name: ..... Class: .....

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian Date: .....

\*please delete as appropriate