

13th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 5 has planned a visit from The Young Shakespeare Company with a performance on Friday 29th September 2023. The company will be performing 'Macbeth' to support our English work this year.

The income generated from school trips has declined year on year. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds. I would also like to stress that **schools are not allowed to make a profit from any trip or visitor** and therefore, in the interest of openness, a breakdown of the cost of this trip is shown below.

| Activity | Cost |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of workshops | £725.00 |
| Total | £725.00 |
| Divided by 95 Children | £7.631 per head |

A voluntary contribution of £7.63 is required to cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the google form, link below, **by Tuesday 26th September at the latest.**

<https://forms.gle/8iJZHvDLwULo2uGv9>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
Headteacher

