

10th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winchester Science Centre

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 have booked a visit to Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday 8th January 2025 to support their project ‘A New Home in Space’.

On this day your child will require a packed lunch in a named lunchbox – no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please. If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals a lunch bag will be provided, however should you not require this please indicate this on the form below. In addition to this, your child will also need a separate snack and drink. Please bring your child’s lunchbox, snack and drinks bottle in a named rucksack which can be easily stored during the day.

Children will need to wear their normal school uniform. Please do not let your child bring any valuables, money or electrical equipment, (including mobile phones), on the trip.

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. 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.

We have been lucky enough to secure an **outdoor learning grant from the South Downs National Park for £550** towards the cost of this visit. In order to feedback to funders that have funded the outdoor learning grant and to promote the use of the outdoor learning grant with a wider audience, the South Downs National Park would like to use photographs from our trip. These images may appear in a variety of places such as printed publications, social media and their website. Please complete the photograph permissions below.

Activity	Cost
Cost of entry (including workshops & planetarium)	£1098.24
Coaches	£940.00
Staffing Costs	£60.75
Outdoor Learning Grant	-£550.00
Total	£1548.99
Divided by 96 Children	£16.135 per head

A voluntary contribution of **£16.13** is required to help cover the cost of this trip. Please complete the form below giving consent for your child to attend the trip. Please note that as regulations state we are unable to take children on the trip without permission. Please complete the Google form by **Tuesday 31st December 2024 at the very latest.**

<https://forms.gle/tjd3QdGHR4Ypiu3GA>

If your child suffers from travel sickness then please can you ensure that appropriate medication is given prior to the trip.

Thank you for your continued support,



Chris Reilly
 Headteacher

