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Thursday 17th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Year R Longdown Activity Farm visit on Friday 29th April 2022

During the first half of the summer term, our topic is focused on the farm and we will be visiting Longdown Activity Farm at Ashurst on **Friday 29**th **April 2022**. We will be leaving school after morning registration and returning before the end of the school day.

To help us cover the cost of this visit we are asking parents/carers to make a contribution of £20.24 per child to be paid online via SCOPAY. This purely covers the cost of the coach and the use of facilities at Longdown Farm, including a guided tour of the farm. Despite having quotes from several companies, this year we have found that the cost of the coach has doubled in price. The cost of admission to the farm has also risen and therefore our overall price for the visit has had to increase. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions it may be necessary to cancel this trip. With this in mind, we are asking that all payments are made online via SCOPAY by Wednesday 6th April to enable the visit to go ahead. In line with the school's charging policy, parents may receive a refund, subject to the school covering their costs, if their child cannot take part in the visit due to illness. Please visit our website if you would like to read the policy in full.

Please complete the online form to give consent for your child to attend the trip, by Wednesday 6th April. https://forms.office.com/r/KXFBZh1Xf6

On the day of the visit children should wear trainers/wellies and trousers with their school uniform shirt and sweatshirt or cardigan, to aid visibility and safety. If the weather is cold the children will need warm clothing i.e. vest, hat, gloves and scarf. If the weather is warm the children will need a sunhat and suncream. The children do not need to bring any money, as we will not be visiting the shop. Lunch at the farm will be at the slightly later time of 12.30 so please ensure your child has had a good breakfast to keep them going.

Caterlink caterers will provide a packed lunch for each child as part of the Universal Free School Meal entitlement, including those who currently have an agreed special diet with them. However, if you wish to provide your child with a packed lunch please indicate on the consent slip online. Please note you will need to provide a drink for your child if they are having a Caterlink packed lunch. Home packed lunches and drinks will need to be in disposable packaging (no glass bottles or cans please), in a named plastic carrier bag.

Prescribed medicines i.e. anti-biotics and inhalers will be taken on the visit for those children where a permission form has been signed by parents prior to the visit or for children with a chronic medical condition. Please note we are not able to administer non-prescribed medicine such as calpol at any time, including educational visits.

We would appreciate offers of help from parents who are able to accompany the children and work with them in small groups on this visit. Please indicate on the online form if you are able to help and your child's class teacher will reply with a letter in your child's book bag by Thursday 7th April.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Evans

Miss Evans Year R Leader