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Dear Parents and Carers

Year R Longdown Activity Farm visit on Friday 21st April 2023

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 21st April 2023**. We will be leaving school after morning registration and returning before the end of the school day.

Thank you to those parent who have paid via SCOPAY, may I remind those who are yet to pay that to help us to cover the cost of the trip we are asking parents/carers to make a contribution of **£19.87** per child. This is 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. With this in mind, we are asking that all outstanding payments are made online by **Friday 24th March**. 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 Friday 24th March.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cm2HDPPhFu2>

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 sun cream. 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. antibiotics 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 during 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 Wednesday 29th March.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Mary-Lynne Thomas
EYFS Year Lead

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