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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 History Trip ~ Lincolnsfield Centre
Wednesday 11th March 2026

Year 6 will be visiting the Lincolnsfield Centre to experience a day in the life of a child during World War 2. We have been studying World War 2 in our History unit this half term; the topic is focused on what it would be like to be a child in World War 2 and in particular Rationing, The Blitz and Evacuation. This trip provides the children with the opportunity to experience these elements of World War 2 with actors in role in as adults in World War 2, recreations of shelters and real-life stories about living in Britain during World War 2.

They will be looking at and experiencing the following during their visit;

- 1) A 1940's House
- 2) Dig for Victory/Shelters/Air Raid/Fire Fighting/ARP/Cinema
- 3) Blitz Building/Militaria Museum



The trip will take place on **Wednesday 11th March** and the children will travel there by coach.

To further enhance the experience of the trip, it would be fantastic if the children would wear period costume. Lots of the activities will be in role and costumes would really help bring the experience to life: just ensure they are warm as some activities during the day may be outside.

Myself and another member of staff will be accompanying the children on the trip and we also need 1 additional adult to come with us. If you are available on that day and would like to come and support the class, please let the school office know by Monday 2nd February.

Your child will need a packed lunch for this trip. If you want a Packed Lunch from Fresh Start for this school trip, please make sure you have chosen the Packed Lunch replacement option & ordered any meal **BEFORE 9am Thursday 5th March 2026**. If you do not do this you will need to supply your own packed lunch for the trip.

The cost of the outing will be **£28.10 per pupil**. Please can we request that payment for this trip be made via Parent Pay. Please do not send in cash or cheques; this payment will be set up on your Parent Pay account. We would ask that payment is made as soon as possible and by **Monday 2nd February**. If you do not currently hold a Parent Pay account, please visit the school office so that we can reissue you with a letter containing your login details.

Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the trip if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in contributing, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Yours sincerely,



Miss L. Hawkins
Year 6 Teacher

Requesting financial contributions for an educational visit

School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the school's attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. **However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.**

