



9th September 2024

Re: Request for voluntary contributions for educational visits

At our school, we understand that learning outside of the school environment is a valuable and effective means of enhancing the curriculum and pupil's learning, understanding and personal and social development.

In light of the above, we are planning various educational trips outlined in our communication called Proposed Educational Visits 2024 – 2025.

We believe these trips will prove to be significantly beneficial to pupils, and we hope that, as parents, you will also be able to recognise the value and importance of this visit.

Whilst offering as much funding as is possible towards our educational visits, we unfortunately do not have the available financial resources to fund the full amount of this visit. In order to ensure that this opportunity is available to our pupils, we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution from parents of the pupils invited. You are welcome to donate more, if you are able, or if you have more than one child invited on the trip and would like this to be reflected in your donation

We would like to make it clear that this contribution is entirely voluntary, and there is no obligation for you to submit this payment; however, as we are unable to cover the full cost, insufficient funds may result in the visit being unable to go ahead. If we have already received donations prior to the cancellation of the trip, please be assured that these will be refunded to parents in full.

We would also like to inform you that, should you decide not to contribute, neither yourself nor your child will be treated any differently, and your child's place on the trip will not be removed as a result of no donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and will mean that, if we can cover the full cost together, we will be able to enhance your child's learning in the way in which we believe is the most beneficial.

If you would like to contribute, please make your donation via the Arbor app. For more information on voluntary contributions and our policy towards allocating pupils' places on our visits, please read our Charging and Remissions Policy and our Educational Visits and School Trips Policy, which can be found on our Trust website. Alternatively, you can indicate that you would like a copy of the relevant policies sent to you from the school office.





If you are unable to make the full contribution due to financial constraints please contact the school office.

NB. Please note that 'parents who receive benefits' refers to those who are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of no more than £16,190, Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) or Universal Credit (if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)).

All of our payment windows for all educational visits, regardless of date, will remain open until 12.00 noon on 18th July 2025 and any payments should be made prior to this. We understand that certain times of the year can be more financially challenging than others.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to discuss your donation, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via phone on 01427 612572, email us mercerooffice@talloaksacademy.co.uk or visit the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wilson
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