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Dear Families,

Voluntary contributions for school trips



At Fulbourn Primary School, we are extremely proud of our programme of essential experiences and work hard to ensure that trips and visits offer value for money whilst deepening the children's understanding of the curriculum and creating life-long memories. The children tell us they are one of their very favourite parts of their school experience.

Unfortunately the government does not give the school any funding for school trips and visits and we are dependent upon voluntary contributions.

This year, we have not received contributions from 113 families which left us with a deficit of £3466. We work closely with local charities and companies to secure reduced costs, subsidies, donations and grants to keep costs as low as possible. We have secured financial support for 48 families this year who are experiencing financial disadvantage. **Still, we have had to cancel some trips this year and despite all of this, we have a deficit of £1505.**

We know everyone's financial situation is different but **if you have not yet made your voluntary contributions and you are able to do so, please log on to MCAS and make a payment before the end of term.** We have adjusted all payments to account for the cancelled trips. If you have an outstanding balance, you will shortly receive a message clarifying the amount due.

As we have had to cancel some trips because they were not financially viable, a small number of families are entitled to refunds. These will be processed over the next month and will be returned to you automatically.

We have been approached by some families who would like to make further donations to our trip programme to help us make it sustainable. If you would like to do so, we have a 'donate a school trip' option open on MCAS. If you have links with a company who may be interested in sponsoring a school trip, please let us know. Any donations received will help ensure we can sustain trips and visits next year.

A full break down of trip costs is provided below for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Beci McCaughran

Headteacher: Mrs Beci McCaughran

Early Years, Year 1 and 2		
Trip	Cost per child	
Pantomime theatre trip	£25.90	
Visiting farm	£4.97	
Space centre trip	£29	CANCELLED due to insufficient funds
Wonderdome Virtual space experience	£8.96	Replaced trip to space centre
Little City	£3.74	
Total	£43.57	

Years 3 and 4		
Trip	Cost per child	
Hindu temple trip	£32.75	
West Stow trip	£18.50	
Victorian school day	£5.84	
Swimming (contribution towards coach costs)	£6	Swimming coaches actual cost -£42 per pupil
Total	£63.09	

Years 5 and 6		
Trip	Cost per child	
RAF museum trip	£25.94	
Celtic harmony trip	£26.71	
Cambridge Mosque	£9	This trip would have been cancelled but Stagecoach provided a free additional bus service
Swimming (contribution towards coach costs)	£6	Swimming coaches actual cost - £42 per pupil
Total	£58.65	