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## School Trips

Dear Parents,

Following some recent enquiries from parents regarding the cost of trips, we would like to clarify that none of our trips are profit making and most often they run at a loss to the school. Due to the rising costs of petrol coach hire has become much more expensive. We obtain 3 quotes from local companies for every trip to ensure best value and obviously we choose the cheapest option. We also obtain discounted rates for schools when visiting establishments.

As a school, we feel that taking the children on trips is an invaluable experience and that it gives the children lasting memories and opportunities to both deepen their learning in school and apply new skills and knowledge which they have been taught. Wherever possible, we try to subsidise trips. However, due to rising costs in things such as energy bills, our budget is extremely stretched. We understand that families are struggling too in the current climate which is why we offer a voluntary contribution. However, going forward, if the full cost of trips is not covered they will sadly have to be cancelled.

Here are the costs of some of our most recent trips:

Trip Name	Coach cost	Entry Cost/ workshop	Income from parents	Loss
National Arboretum Year 6	£340.00	£360.00	£662.00	£38.00
The Wrekin 3/4L	£130.00	0.00	£102.00	£28.00
Exotic Zoo 5/6P	£100.00	£200.00	£256.00	£44.00
RAF Cosford	£195.00	£60.00	£255.00	0.00

If you have any suggestions of how we can make the cost of trips more manageable for families (such as setting up a termly payment scheme of a set amount as some other schools do) please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

T Cartwright  
 Headteacher



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