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Dear Families

Further to our letter last September confirming that we would not be asking for fuel contributions towards the cost of offsite trips this academic year, we know that many families are still struggling with the exceptionally high cost of living at the moment. We are therefore intending to continue this for a further academic year.

We have also carried out a review of the frequency and cost of our offsite trips and events, as we know that these can be difficult for many of our families to afford.

To provide you with some degree of reassurance about costs and as an indication of what to expect in terms of contribution requests, from September we will not be asking parents for contributions of more than £20 per term towards trips, with the exception of overnight residential trips.

Our charging policy remains that parental contributions for daytime trips are voluntary and no individual pupil would be excluded from a trip if they could not make a contribution, however we do rely on parental contributions for many trips to go ahead. Some parents also choose to make contributions higher than the requested amount, this is always appreciated and is used to support shortfalls in trips where other families are unable to contribute.

We know that trips provide an invaluable learning and social experience, so will be looking at ways for pupils to raise funds as part of their learning where possible, such as the recent enterprise activities that some classes have undertaken.

Yours sincerely

Adam Rowland
Headteacher