

11th September 2015

Dear Parents

FARMOR'S SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

To assist you in planning for the academic year ahead, we have compiled a list of all the trips and visits currently on the school calendar (overleaf). These trips are all designed to provide enriching experiences for students; the vast majority of which also support and enhance the curriculum.

In addition to the trips listed, there will be a number of theatre trips for Year 10-13 Drama students, which are subject to yet to be published theatre schedules, which will operate after school at a cost of no more than around £25 each. There may also be other trips offered during the year to allow for enriching opportunities that come up at short notice.

The way we work out the cost of running trips is outlined in our Charging and Remissions Policy, which is published on our school website. Most trips fit into the 'Optional Extras' category and, as such, are chargeable. However, some of the trips listed for Key Stage 4 and 5, such as Geography field trips, form essential parts of subjects' coursework requirements or exam syllabuses and are therefore not chargeable. However, to help the school meet the cost of such trips, we have to ask for voluntary contributions from parents. Please note that, without sufficient contributions, these trips may not be able to operate. Farmor's School believes that all students should have equal opportunity to benefit from school activities independent of their parents' financial means. We endeavour to minimise the financial barriers that may prevent some students from taking advantage of these opportunities. Please look at the website for information about how to apply for help with the costs.

The costs of the trips marked * are provisional at this stage. The person running each trip will write to the parents of the relevant students in due course to give more information and confirmed costs (some have already done so). Trip payments should always be returned directly to the school's Finance Office.

Farmor's School has an excellent record of safety on school trips. There are clear policies in place at the school which lay down the procedures for trips. The school contracts Gloucestershire County Council's Health and Safety Executive to quality assure the school and support the planning of residential/foreign trips and adventure activities. All trips are approved by myself as the appointed Educational Visits Co-ordinator once planning documents and risk assessments have been monitored.

To give your consent for your child to be involved in any offsite activities this year and to provide us with all potentially important, up to date medical information, please complete and return the attached Trip Consent Form to your son/daughter's form tutor as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our procedures are efficient and robust.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Woollin
Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 7				
Date	Trip	Destination	Duration	Cost
19/11/2015	Geography Trip, Field Studies	Lea Wood, Fairford	1 day	NA
02/12/2015	Theatre Trip, Wendy and Peter Pan	Stratford Upon Avon	Evening	£21
12/05/2016	RE Trip	Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque	1 day	£15*
09/06/2016	History Trip, Castles	Warwick Castle	1 day	£20*
22/06/2016	Science Trip, @Bristol	Bristol	1 day	£30*
13/07/2016	Residential	TBC	3 days	£150*
YEAR 8				
02/12/2015	Theatre Trip, Wendy and Peter Pan	Stratford Upon Avon	Evening	£21
03/12/2015	RE Trip, Hindu Temple	Neasden Mandir, London	1 day	£20*
05/01/2016	Art and D&T Trip	Pitt Rivers, Oxford	1 day	£10*
06/01/2016	Art and D&T Trip	Pitt Rivers, Oxford	1 day	£10*
12/02/2016	Ski Trip	Austria	8 days	£812
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
18/03/2016	Science Trip, Big Bang Science	Birmingham	1 day	£30*
13/07/2016	Rewards Trip	TBC	1 day	£30*
YEAR 9				
22/10/2015	Geography Trip	Iceland	6 days	£816
12/11/2015	History Trip, Battlefields	Belgium and France	4 days	£185
02/12/2015	Theatre Trip, Wendy and Peter Pan	Stratford Upon Avon	Evening	£21
12/02/2016	Ski Trip	Austria	8 days	£812
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
25/05/2016	French Exchange	Bordeaux, France	8 days	£400*
14/07/2016	Rewards Trip	TBC	1 day	£30*
YEAR 10				
08/10/2015	Art Trip	Botanical Gardens, Oxford	1 day	£8
22/10/2015	Geography Trip	Iceland	6 days	£816
08/12/2015	Textiles Trip, Clothes Show Live	NEC, Birmingham	1 day	£40
11/02/2016	Spanish Exchange	Motril, Granada, Spain	7 days	£450*
29/02/2016	Science Trip, GCSE Live	Birmingham	1 day	£35*
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
22/03/2016	Geography Trip, Farm Field Trip	Lechlade	1 day	£10*
21/06/2016	Geography Trip, CA Fieldtrip	Oxford	1 day	£10*
15/07/2016	Rewards Trip	TBC	1 day	£30*
22/07/2016	PGL Watersports Trip	France	8 days	£800*
YEAR 11				
07/10/2015	Art Trip	London Museums	1 day	£20*
08/10/2015	Photography Trip	Botanical Gardens, Oxford	1 day	£8
09/10/2015	Netball Tour	Devon	3 days	£174
20/10/2015	History Trip	Munich and Berlin	5 days	£578
22/10/2015	Geography Trip	Iceland	6 days	£816
07/11/2015	World Challenge Practise Expedition	TBC	2 days	TBC
08/12/2015	Textiles Trip, Clothes Show Live	NEC, Birmingham	1 day	£40
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
YEAR 12				
14/09/2015	Product Design Trip (In The Making)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
15/09/2015	Photography Trip	Wimbledon Arts Studio, London	1 day	£20*
02/10/2015	Geography Trip, Hydrology	River Coln, Fairford	1 day	NA
08/10/2015	Graphic Design Trip (Cheltenham Illustration Awards)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
09/10/2015	Netball Tour	Devon	3 days	£174
14/10/2015	Theatre Trip, Dead Dog in a Suitcase	Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham	Evening	£28
16/10/2015	Art Trip	Barcelona	3 days	£469
22/10/2015	Geography Trip	Iceland	6 days	£816
07/11/2015	World Challenge Practise Expedition	TBC	2 days	TBC
03/12/2015	Graphics Trip (Jerwood Drawing Prize)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
08/12/2015	Textiles Trip, Clothes Show Live	NEC, Birmingham	1 day	£40
25/01/2016	Biology Trip, Biology Live	Birmingham	1 day	£30*
10/02/2016	Art Trip to London Galleries	London	1 day	£20*
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
13/03/2016	Geography Trip, Residential Fieldtrip	Pembrokeshire	3 days	£190*
21/03/2016	Psychology Trip, Exam Conference	London	1 day	£20*
23/03/2016	Geography Trip, Exam Conference	London	1 day	£20*
YEAR 13				
14/09/2015	Product Design Trip (In The Making)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
08/10/2015	Graphic Design Trip (Cheltenham Illustration Awards)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
09/10/2015	Netball Tour	Devon	3 days	£174
12/10/2015	Geography Trip, Ecosystems Case Study	Lea Wood, Fairford	Afternoon	NA
14/10/2015	Theatre Trip, Dead Dog in a Suitcase	Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham	Evening	£28
16/10/2015	Art Trip	Barcelona	3 days	£469
22/10/2015	Geography Trip	Iceland	6 days	£816
07/11/2015	World Challenge Practise Expedition	TBC	2 days	TBC
03/12/2015	Graphics Trip (Jerwood Drawing Prize)	The Wilson, Cheltenham	Afternoon	£5*
08/12/2015	Textiles Trip, Clothes Show Live	NEC, Birmingham	1 day	£40
10/12/2015	Geography Trip, World Cities Case Study	Bristol	1 day	£20*
25/01/2016	Biology Trip, Biology Live	Birmingham	1 day	£30*
10/02/2016	Art Trip to London Galleries	London	1 day	£20*
10/03/2016	Music Trip (Choir Reward), Mama Mia	Covent Garden, London	1 day	£40*
21/03/2016	Psychology Trip, Exam Conference	London	1 day	£20*
23/03/2016	Geography Trip, Exam Conference	London	1 day	£20*

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR VISITS IN 2015-16

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Parent

As part of our programme we have planned a series of activities and trips for the period 2015-16. We request that you complete and sign this form to give consent for activities that require your son/daughter to leave the school site, including PE activities and fixtures, as well as up to date medical information that a visit leader may need to know.

This form will be kept on a file held in the School Office and will be taken on any trip your child is involved in. By completing this form at the beginning of the school year, it negates the need for a similar form to be completed every time your son/daughter goes on a trip. However, you will also be required to give your consent to individual trips with specific risks associated to them by returning a slip at the bottom of the letter giving you details of the visit. Should you wish to withhold permission for a trip, the reply slip will also give you the opportunity to do so.

We ask you to inform the School if any of the personal information given on this form changes, or notify us if your child has been in contact with any infectious illness or sustained an injury during the 3 weeks prior to a visit.

- 1. Name of participant
- 2. Tutor Group
- 3. Address
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..... Tel. No.
- 4. Age Date of Birth
- 5. Alternative Address & Telephone No.
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(for emergency use)
- 6. **Personal Information:** Please give details requested below or personal information which might be relevant.
 - A. Has your child, to your knowledge, been in contact with any infectious illness in the last three weeks?
YES/NO If yes, give details
 - B. Does he/she suffer from allergies, Diabetes, migraine, Epilepsy, bad period pains or any other illness or disability?
YES/NO If yes, give details
 - C. Is he/she allergic to anything (e.g. antibiotics, Elastoplast, aspirin or any such medicines, any particular food, etc.)?
YES/NO If yes, give details

- D. Is he/she actively sensitive to penicillin?
 YES/NO If yes, give details
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- E. Is he/she receiving any medical treatment at present?
 YES/NO If yes, give details of illness/disability and treatment
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- F. Date of last anti-tetanus injection
- G. Does he/she have any special dietary needs?
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- H. Can he/she swim 50 metres? YES/NO
- I. Name & Address of own Doctor
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7. **Insurance:** The school holds annual travel insurance which covers all authorised off site activities. Any students, staff and any accompanying adults who are authorised to undertake the journey are covered by the policy.

PARENTAL CONSENT:

- (i) I agree to my son/daughter taking part in activities and trips during this school year.
- (ii) I understand that the staff responsible for the activities will take all reasonable care of participants.
- (iii) I consent to any emergency treatment necessary. I therefore authorise the party leader(s) to sign, on my behalf, any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities should medical treatment (a surgical operation or injection) be deemed necessary, provided that the delay required to obtain my signature might be considered, in the opinion of the doctor or surgeon concerned, likely to endanger my child's health or safety.

Signature.....
 (Please print your name alongside your signature)

8. I wish to withhold my consent for certain trips for the following reason:

A copy of this form may be returned to parent/guardian by the school once received after signature, should it be requested.