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KS1 Summer Term Trip to Weaver Hall Museum

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Oxhey, we are committed to providing enriching and memorable educational experiences that extend beyond the classroom. These experiences often become some of the most memorable moments of a child's school journey, however, we want to be open and transparent with you about the financial challenges we are facing. The cost of running educational visits – including transport, entry fees, and staffing – has increased significantly. We understand that this increase is a concern for families too. While we always strive to keep costs as low as possible and ask parents for voluntary contribution, as a school, we have had to cover any shortfall from our learning resources budget to ensure that trips still go ahead. Using money to cover trip deficits is putting pressure on our ability to maintain high-quality provision in the classroom and unfortunately, it is no longer sustainable.

Therefore, following feedback from stakeholders, we have decided to organise two educational visits this year for Key Stage 1; the second of which is a visit to **Weaver Hall Museum - Year 2 on Weds 20th May and Year 1 on Thurs 21st May**. During the visit, children will explore the museum with a guided tour, learning all about life in Victorian times and how Victorians have influenced our life today. Following that, they will also have the opportunity to visit an original Victorian workhouse.

Drop off and pick up will be as normal; we will leave school at around 9:15am and plan to return by 3:15pm. We can provide a free packed lunch if requested (please specify on the reply slip below) or you are welcome to provide your own packed lunch and drink (disposable containers preferably please) in a named carrier bag. In order to maintain the safety of the children and ensure that they are visible as Oxhey pupils, we do ask that full school uniform is worn. As part of the trip will be spent outside, please also ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£20.73** per child via Parent Pay to cover the cost of the coach and entrance to the museum. Please note that no child will be denied participation on the grounds that a financial contribution has not been made on his or her behalf. However, if support from parents is insufficient the trip will be unable to take place. We simply cannot continue to cover the cost of unpaid trip expenses from our learning resources budget without impacting classroom needs. We will review parent/carers' payment contributions after Easter to decide whether the trip is viable. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Blanchard

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I would like a free school packed lunch for my child (*cheese sandwich, snack and drink*).

I would be willing to accompany the trip with my child if needed.

We will be in touch if you are invited to join us, thank you.

Signed: _____

