

EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND VISITORS

Throughout the school year visits provide an excellent opportunity for children to link their learning to the world in which they live. It is our view that school visits offer children essential, motivating, first-hand, real-life experiences which they will remember for years to come.

Our programme of visits and visitors changes each year, but has included travelling to the Theatre Royal in Brighton to see the work of Roald Dahl brought to life on the stage, a visit to the London Science Museum linked to the children's learning about materials and their properties. Religious Education is often supported by visits, for instance to local churches, or with performances by the Rainbow Theatre.

Often visits out of school have a very cross-curricular theme, such as Howletts or Drusillas, to give the children first-hand experience of animal life! Even our youngest nursery children have recently been to the Sea Life Centre and experienced a visit from Huxley's Birds of Prey.

Year 6 can take part in a residential activity week at PGL, when they get the chance to experience lots of different challenges during their week away.

When your child starts school you will be asked to sign a consent form, giving permission for your child to go to local places of interest; 'local' means within walking distance. For all other visits you will be sent a letter describing the visit and asking for your permission. If we do not have your permission we will *not* take your child out of school.

Charging for visits and visitors

Full details of when the school will ask for payment for a school visit is carefully explained in our Charging and Remissions policy. However if a family is in receipt of specific benefits, the school is obliged by law to waive the charges. These are:

- Income Support;
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit (providing that they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190 for the year 2010/11);
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- an income related employment and support allowance introduced on 27th October 2008.