

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Risk assessments are carried out for each visit, usually by the centre we are visiting and also by the class teacher. There is a set ratio of adults to children, and parent volunteers are often required to help on the majority of the visits.

There is always a first aider on the visit who carries asthma inhalers and medication for identified children. Parent volunteers are not allowed to give any children medication.

We are unable to put sun cream on any children, therefore in hot weather please can you put the cream on prior to school. You can send the tube with the children and we can help squeeze the cream, but we can't apply it.

WE HOPE THAT THIS LEAFLET GIVES YOU AN INSIGHT INTO SCHOOL VISITS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MRS PIDGEON, HEAD TEACHER OR MRS PATRICK, SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER.



SCHOOL VISIT BROCHURE



GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

THE RATIONALE BEHIND SCHOOL VISITS

Learning outside the classroom contributes significantly to **raising and improving pupils' personal, social and emotional development**. There is evidence that when learning outside the classroom, children:

- ◇ Attain higher levels of knowledge and skills
- ◇ Improve their physical health and increase their motor abilities
- ◇ Socialise and interact in new and different ways with their peers and adults
- ◇ Show improved attention and enhanced self-concept, self-esteem and mental health
- ◇ Change their environmental behaviours and their values and attitudes

Cross-curricular links are established, for example a trip to 'Making It' at Mansfield where a class made a musical instrument:-

- ◇ Writing for the half term would include a recount of the visit, an advert for the centre and a write up of the design and evaluation process.
- ◇ D and T focus and much curriculum time would be given to making, designing, evaluating musical instruments which the children learn how to do during the visit.
- ◇ ICT - manipulating sounds, the children would compose a piece of music based on the different sounds of the instruments they learn about on the visit.
- ◇ The music links are obvious.

Welton Primary School aims for each class to have a visit once every half term. Some of the visits we have experienced this year are shown below:

- ◇ The Foundation Class had a visit to Cannon Hall Farm as part of their topic on growing.
- ◇ Year 1 children visited the Castle Museum in York as part of their topic on Toys.
- ◇ Year 2 children visited the National Coal Mining Museum as part of their work on LS Lowry.
- ◇ Year 3 children visited Pizza Express as part of their D&T topic. They all made pizzas and took them home for their tea!
- ◇ Year 4 children had a workshop at the Hands on History Museum on Egyptians.
- ◇ Year 5 children went on a team building day to Allerthorpe Lake to take part in lots of activities including canoeing.
- ◇ Year 6 children went on a Residential Visit to Robinwood Activity Centre, taking part in lots of outward bound activities.

As you will see, the visits are all relevant to the work the children are carrying out in class, and were all extremely worthwhile.

The cost of a visit could range between less than £5.00 and up to £20.00 (approximately). This figure is usually for the cost of the workshop/activity and for the cost of the coach. The school does contact a variety of coach companies for costs, and chooses the cheaper option to keep costs low.

Obviously, we do ensure that the coaches are safe and have seat belts for the children.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A RESIDENTIAL VISIT IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN. THIS VISIT IS OPTIONAL AND OBVIOUSLY COSTS A LOT MORE THAN £20.

EQUIPMENT

Wherever possible, we advise parents when a trip is being planned in the newsletters/thematic planning sheets that are sent out half termly. We would recommend that you have the following equipment available for your child:-

- ◇ A rucksack - big enough to fit a packed lunch, drink, waterproofs.
- ◇ A waterproof coat
- ◇ Wellington boots/trainers
- ◇ Sun caps for summer
- ◇ Occasionally we recommend old tracksuit bottoms/leggings

Please can we stress that these items do not have to be brand new or of a high quality. The children often get extremely dirty and we would prefer that their clothes are not expensive or brand new so they/we don't have to worry! Old trainers/wellington boots and slightly small coats etc are recommended!!

We do have a Welton Primary School Rucksack available for purchase for £3.00 from the school office, which can be used for boots and tracksuit bottoms in the cloakroom and also perfect for school trips with the added "spotability" benefit.