



Ashley Junior School

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Wednesday 28th March 2018

Dear Parents of children in Year 3

Cancellation of visit to the Fishbourne Roman Palace

It is with regret that we have had to cancel this visit. The school was scheduled to make a loss of just over £327.00, and we simply cannot afford to allow that.

We have sent out letters and text reminders to parents, but approximately only 60% of parents have made a contribution.

Guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on charging for school activities reflects sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996, which sets out the law on charging for school activities in local authority schools. It states:

'It is important to note that no child should be excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, or the school cannot fund it from another source, then it must be cancelled.'

It would have been a terrific learning experience for the children and we are very disappointed. We are committed to providing the best opportunities and experiences, and hope to bring learning alive through such visits but we simply cannot afford to subsidise them to this degree.

If you did make a contribution could you please indicate on the form attached how you would like the money refunded. Unfortunately, Hampshire County Council financial regulations do not allow us to give refunds of this amount in cash. If you wish to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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Child's name:..... Class:

Please tick the preferred option:

- 1. Transfer total contribution to your child's dinner account**
- 2. Full refund (we will issue you with a cheque)**

Name of Parent / Carer:

Signed:

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