

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Future of School Trips

Here at Oaklands, we pride ourselves on providing our pupils with the highest level of learning opportunities, whether it is through in-house workshops, sports tasters, or school trips.

Financial constraints and rising costs have made 2023/2024 a very challenging year for us. Additionally, we have seen parental contributions for school trips becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, with some outstanding balances being carried forward from previous years.

Due to this, there is unfortunately a large amount still owing in school trip contributions this year that we cannot absorb, which means our budget this year is in deficit for the first time ever. Corvus Learning Trust have said that we can only have a deficit in one year and that we need to ensure that there is no deficit next year!

We therefore must seriously consider whether we can continue with future off-site visits, since they are becoming more and more unsustainable. This is such a shame as our children really value these learning opportunities.

School Trip outstanding balances total is £8,414.23 (as at Friday 5th July 2024)

Outstanding Balances

Osmington 24/25	£6,989.01
Others	£1,289.22
Ufton Court 23/24	£136.00
	£8,414.23

With rising costs for all, we understand that we are not the only ones struggling. We can apply for bursaries or extra funding for education schemes (pupil premium), if we know that families are struggling to contribute; the deficit does not include where we have managed to obtain bursaries to cover costs for some of our families.

Others Breakdown

Gurdwara	£66.50
Butser Farm	£25.29
Ufton Court 22/23	£135.00
Legoland	£95.00
Osmington 23/24	£376.00
RAF	£36.40
Sky	£42.30
Swimming	£420.00
The Living Rainforest	£18.73
The River Pang	£74.00
	£1,289.22

Mrs West or Mrs Lenon are always available for parents to contact in confidence to find out if they qualify for extra funding before trips take place. This is also included in any letters that go out. We cannot, however, apply for any bursaries after the event.

Please may we make an urgent plea, if you still owe money for any school trip, please kindly pay any outstanding amounts before the end of term. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H West
Headteacher



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