Dear Parents,

This year, as a school, we are continuing to minimise the ‘cost of our school day’. We would like to continue with the Trip Payment Plan/Trip Contribution Plan that we did last year which allows parents more flexibility for trip contributions. Trips will still need to be paid for via parent pay but instead of us uploading payments for every trip throughout the year, we will upload one payment option. Eg..Year 3 trips and experiences.

**How it works:**

At the beginning of the school year, you will be informed of the trips, hooks and experiences that your child will have during the academic year by letter. This will then go on the website too. (Please see below)

One payment plan will be added onto parent pay.

Parents then have the option of whether they would like to:

1. Pay off the costs in one payment
2. To pay it off in instalments at a time that suits yourself. (This could be in smaller chunks or regular instalments weekly throughout the year)

You will get a letter to sign that gives consent for your child to attend the trip that will need returning to school if it is outside of the local area.

**What will my child experience?**

Trips, Hooks, experiences and themed days are all planned alongside our curriculum to ensure that the experiences are a great learning opportunity that sparks their curiosity and imagination creating enthusiasm for their challenge packs. Alongside school trips, we also have 50 experiences called Parker 50s that children will experience throughout their primary school journey. These experiences were chosen by the children.

**The voluntary contribution we are asking for is: £35**

This contribution will cover some of the costs towards entry fees, workshops and travel costs. The school will continue to subsidies the cost of the trips. The shops on trips will not be visited.

In the school year 2023-24:

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|  | EYFS | Yr1/2 | Yr3/4 | Yr5/6 |
| Trips | * Santa Trip * Fairy Forest * Local Visits and Visitors in school will also take place. | * Blists Hill * Lower Drayton Farm visit * Bewdley Safari Park | * Drumming workshop * Worsley Visitors Centre and Nature Reserve. * Sporting coaching/event | * National Space Centre * Cadbury World * Yr5 –Stafford Castle * Yr 6 – Theatre Visit * Yr 6 – Laches Wood Residential – separate cost |
| Parker 50s | These experiences range from meeting significant people such as authors, doctors and athletes **to** visiting places such as aquariums, museums and stadiums **onto** children experiencing days as queens, kings or pirates **as well as** inventing things and riding donkeys.  A full list and when these will take place is available on our website. | | | |

If you have any comments, queries or questions regarding this please call the school office or email [headteacher@rowleyparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@rowleyparkacademy.org.uk)

As always, if parents have any concerns regarding trip payments and would like to confidentially speak to Mrs Harding, our family support worker or class teachers, please speak to the school office and this can be arranged.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Beaumont

Headteacher