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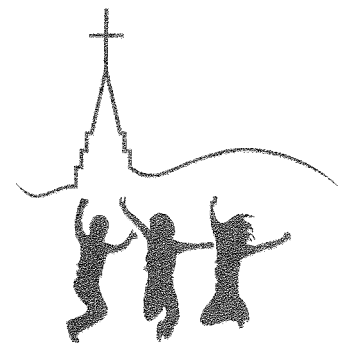
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Club and Trip Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware from the news, school budgets are increasingly stretched to meet ever-spiralling costs in school. To meet these needs, as a school, we are having to make some difficult funding decisions. I am therefore writing to you with the following.

From January 2019, the school will no longer be able to fund paid clubs. We will continue however to provide a fantastic choice of free clubs. We want all our children to take part in as many different activities as possible and to that end, we will strive to offer the same amount of clubs every term; this term we are offering 19 free clubs.

Looking at our financial figures from the year 2017/2018, the school offered numerous school trips, (both residential and day) and visits, which we see as a vital part of a child's curriculum entitlement. Unfortunately, for many of these activities, the voluntary contribution received from parents did not cover the cost of the trip. We are able to subsidise costs for Pupil Premium children to a limited extent out of our Pupil Premium funding but any deficit in respect of non-Pupil Premium children has to be taken from the School's diminishing curriculum budget and this is no longer sustainable. I am therefore asking that voluntary contributions are made wherever possible from **all** families so that we can continue with our enriched curriculum. I do not wish to be in the position of not running activities due to a lack of funding and voluntary contributions.

As a Headteacher, I find it extremely uncomfortable to write to our families in such a way, but I feel it is necessary to inform you about the situation.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher

