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Local Area Educational Visits

Dear Parents/Carers,

The community of Haxby has so much to offer our children in educational experiences; visits can be planned to see various parts of our wonderful local area to enhance our curriculum. Examples of previous visits that our children have benefitted from include visiting Sainsbury's to learn about the value of money and how shops operate, studying Christian family rituals in both St Mary's and Haxby and Wigginton Methodist churches and walking through Haxby to detail land use on maps. Although the children may visit these places with family on a regular basis, we find that studying these alongside peers and with specific learning objectives really opens them up for the children so they look at them again through 'new eyes'.

It would be wonderful if we could spontaneously increase our capacity for leading outdoor activities, by being able to utilise local facilities e.g. taking a class to play a game on the Ethel Ward playing field or to undertake such as a science study. We also value the Haxby library and the opportunities which this offers us to further develop a love of reading.

In order to make the most of good weather and to be spontaneous within our curriculum, our governing body continues to support our 'Local Area Plan', alongside our Educational Visits Policy. This enables approved members of staff to lead educational visits into our local area, whenever doing so will enhance the curriculum being taught. The Local Area Plan is attached to this email; please be aware that within it, EVC stands for Educational Visits Coordinator.

Each year, we ask just once for your permission for your child(ren) to attend these local area visits, rather than asking you every time a local area visit can take place. Once permission is received, you will always be notified of local area visits, either in advance, if this is possible, or on the day the children have visited the local area. All visits are always carried out in line with detailed risk assessments.

I am therefore writing to seek this permission from you, for your child(ren) to be taken out of the school grounds to places in the local area. Your permission will be valid for this academic year. If at any time in that year you were to change your mind, you would simply need to let us know. **To give your permission, please visit your ParentPay account**, from receipt of this letter. It would be really useful if you could please do so by **Monday 30th September**. However, please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any queries or questions you may have regarding the contents of this letter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Robinson
Assistant Headteacher
Educational Visits Coordinator

