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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Upfront Payment for School Educational Visits/Experiences

At Horniman School we value the important contribution educational visits and visitors make to the curriculum. We believe that children should create memorable experiences whilst at our school. These range from visits to museums, theatres, workshops, art galleries and forest school activities.

In order to fund educational visits and experiences we are again asking parents and carers to make a one-off payment, rather than paying each time your child goes on a visit.

As you are all aware, school budgets are getting ever tighter and the school is incurring many extra expenses due to inflation, high energy costs and staff pay increases, which has further impacted on our already stretched school budget. If there are insufficient funds from parents/ carers then visits may have to be cancelled. Any classes that have a surplus from last year the surplus will be carried over to the current academic year.

This week, you will see the option in your SCOPAY account for a £40 contribution per child to cover all visits and experiences (except residential visits) for the 2023-24 academic year.

To allow the school to forward plan, we are asking that this contribution is made as soon as possible. We recognise that many families may be struggling financially due to the cost of living crisis. If it will be difficult for you to make the payment(s), do please speak to me to discuss options.

Children in receipt of Pupil Premium will be asked to contribute 25% of this amount (£10). However, if you wish to contribute more, you are more than welcome! If you are unsure if your child(ren) are eligible for pupil premium, please check online here: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/education/schools/school-meals>. If you live in Lewisham then you will be auto enrolled if you meet the criteria. If you live in another borough, please inform us if you are able to claim pupil premium.

If any parents/carers would like to pay extra to cover the cost of another child who is unable to pay then please let the school office know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Pickering
Headteacher

Horniman Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

