

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Lower School Parents and Carers,

As part of our project this term - a geographical study of one region of Europe and a European river- we will be visiting Minstead Study Centre near Lyndhurst. The children will take part in a carousel of four activities throughout the day, including: a river walk, pond dipping and map work.

The trip will take place on <u>Monday 13th October</u>. We will be leaving school promptly at 9am, after registering the children, and travelling by coach. The children will be outside, so we ask that they are dressed appropriately with a coat, their school uniform on top and trousers/jogging bottoms/jeans which are suitable for the weather conditions on the day. All pupils will need trainers to wear on the coach and also bring wellies/walking boots to be (kept in a named carrier bag while traveling) for the activities.

The children will need to bring a water bottle and a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school dinners, or you would like us to arrange a packed lunch, please complete the form online. Your child will not need any money during the trip. We will return to school before the end of the school day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £22 per student to cover the costs of the transport and the activities at the centre. Please note that although this contribution is voluntary, if we do not receive sufficient donations to cover costs, we may not be able to run the trip or this may impact our ability to run any future trips for lower school this year. We will notify all parents by <u>Monday 6th October</u> if the trip is unable to go ahead. If parents would like to more than the requested donation to ensure this trip goes ahead the payment system will allow for this.

To comply with our Charging and Remissions Policy please find a breakdown of these costs at the end of this message.

<u>Payment assistance</u>: If you are unable to contribute the requested amount please indicate this on the reply slip online and the school office will be happy to discuss possible payment options/assistance.

<u>Parent Volunteers</u>: We have a few spaces for parent volunteers on this trip. If you are an approved Sun Hill Junior School volunteer and would like to help on the day please complete the section on the online form. Parents will sometimes be in the same groups as their child but this is not always possible as we must assign a set number of staff and volunteers per group.

<u>Breakdown of costs</u>: The costs attributed to this trip are as follows: Entrance & Activities at Minstead Study Centre = £814.00. Transport cost for 2 coaches = £800.00

<u>Permission and payment</u>: All parent permissions are now taken <u>online</u> through sco-pay. Please login to your child's scopay account, find the trip entitled "Minstead Study Centre - Lower School" and complete the required form. If you have not set-up your child's tucasi scopay account yet please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Thompson-Hogg, Mrs Bone, Ms Terry and Mrs Ahmed

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