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Educational Visits 2025-2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Horn Park, we are committed to providing enriching and memorable learning experiences for all children. Educational visits play a vital role in this as part of our personal development offer, helping to bring the curriculum and classroom learning to life.

For a number of years, we have worked hard to ensure that these opportunities remain free of charge, consistently seeking out free visits, workshops, and external funding so that all children could access these experiences regardless of financial circumstances. However, as the cost of living crisis has deepened, more and more learning centres and educational providers have found it necessary to begin charging for the experiences they offer. At the same time, the cost of entry fees, and other logistics has increased significantly. We remain fortunate to have free access to Transport for London and therefore not needing to factor in the rising costs of coaches that many schools face.

We understand that the current cost of living continues to place pressure on many families, and we want to be transparent in how we approach the re-introduction of a voluntary contribution to educational visits. This would be £15 per child for the academic year, which can be paid either as a one-off payment or in three instalments of £5 per term.

This contribution will go directly towards supporting the cost of educational visits, helping us to:

- Maintain a wide range of high-quality trips that enhance the curriculum and support pupils' personal development.
- Subsidise entry fees, ensuring visits remain accessible to all families.
- Plan ahead with confidence, knowing we can continue to offer enriching experiences despite rising costs.

A small example of how the money would be used in comparison to trips children have experienced this year is that Reception would be able to visit the aquarium at the Horniman Museum, where Year 1 would be able to take part in an educational workshop inside the Cutty Sark.

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We are incredibly grateful for any support you are able to offer, and we remain committed to ensuring equity and inclusion for all our pupils. We want to reassure you that no child will be excluded from any visit based on whether a contribution is made.

This will be paid via MyChildAtSchool in September. Further details will be sent at the beginning of the new academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school or speak to any member of the leadership team.

Kind regards,

Jack Green

Head of School