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## Important Notice: School Trips and Educational Visits

Dear Parents and Carers

At Pontefract Academies Trust, we deeply value the role of educational visits and school trips in enhancing our curriculum. These experiences are integral to our "50 Experiences" promise, which is committed to offering a variety of enriching activities that support the personal development and growth of the children in our care.

However, due to rising costs for certain trips and travel expenses, we regret to inform you that the cost of some trips will increase next year. The cost of a trip is determined based on the number of pupils participating in the class. Therefore, if a pupil is unable to pay, they will not be able to join the trip, which may result in higher costs for the remaining students. In extreme cases, if sufficient funds cannot be collected from parents, it may unfortunately lead to the cancellation of the trip.

We have carefully planned school visits for each year group to ensure consistency and a well-rounded experience for all children. While residential trips are available for Key Stage 2 pupils, we are committed to working with families to spread the cost over the course of the year, allowing for manageable payment plans.

For families entitled to income-related free school meals, there may be an opportunity for subsidised payments for school visits or residential trips. This will depend on the cost of the trip and will be at the discretion of the headteacher. If you believe you may be eligible for income-related free school meals, please fill out the application at the following link: [Free School Meal Application](#). We understand the financial pressures that come with school trips, and we are here to support you in any way we can. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Grogan  
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