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Dear Parents and Carers, Year 1 Visit to Bantock House

On Friday 25th November 2022, we have organised for Year 1 to go on an educational visit to Bantock House for a doll and toy session as part of their Discover topic - learning about life in Victorian times.

Children will leave school at approximately 9am and return in time for the end of the school day. Children will be walking to and from Bantock House, supervised by school staff at all times. Year 1 will return to school in time for lunch.

To support the cost of the visit, we ask for a contribution of £6 - please pay via SimsPay. For support with this, please see Mrs Hitch in the school office.

You do not need to give permission for your child to take part in this visit. Parents and carers have already provided this as part of our local visit permission letter for this academic year.

<u>Trips/visits and voluntary contributions:</u>

Off-site educational trips and visits are a valuable and enjoyable part of school life. They enrich our curriculum and provide memorable, exciting opportunities for children to develop their understanding and skills in different contexts.

All payments requested from families for educational visits are voluntary contributions and children will never be excluded from a visit where permission has been given but payment has not been made. *However, if school does not receive sufficient payment to cover the cost of the activity, we may need to cancel the trip.*

We are aware that the cost of educational visits can have an impact on families, especially where there are several children at school. We try our best to keep costs as low as possible and look and give parents and carers plenty of notice for trips and visits.

If you are finding it difficult to meet the cost of trips and visits, please contact school (in complete confidence) to discuss this and we will be able to support you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle Headteacher