



# Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

I wanted to write to alert you to a change in wording on the letters about school trips which come out to you regularly.

As you may be aware, there has been a change in the guidance about how school trip letters are worded and we are now asked to "request a contribution" rather than to demand payment! Therefore, the letters will in future say: "a contribution of £ xx towards the trip."

As you know, regardless of the wording, school trips only cost whatever is necessary to pay for transport and entrance fees. Some schools report that this change has resulted in a fall in contributions towards trips and many others have cancelled trips completely as they are unable to fund them. We are blessed with very supportive parents at Cardinal Newman and I don't anticipate any problems with continuing to run trips as before. This will only be possible if everyone makes the suggested contribution towards the trip as the school budget will not fund running trips at a loss.

As previously, where there are genuine financial issues for families, we will always be supportive of individual cases and you are asked to make an appointment to see me if I can help you in such a situation.

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham  
Headteacher