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### **Stubbington- Travel arrangements**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the summer term, we are looking forward to the Year 4 Stubbington residential trip.

I am writing to update you with information regarding the travel arrangements to and from the visit. Initial plans had been for parents to drop off and collect their children from Stubbington Study Centre in order to save on the ever-increasing cost of coach transport.

However, those of you who attended the Stubbington open day last month will have discovered that the entrance/exit to the site is down a single track driveway and the carpark is small. Having recently visited the site for the first time myself, and in discussion with Stubbington staff around the logistics, we have decided that it would not be suitable for each of our 84 attendees plus accompanying staff to be dropped off/collected individually. In addition to this, we have had numerous enquiries from parents who attended the open day, regarding the possibility of coach transport to and from Stubbington, due to the vehicle access issues they experienced on the day.

Therefore, we have arranged coach transport for **all** children to and from Stubbington Study Centre. We understand that this is a change to the original plans but hope that you understand the reasons behind this change. As this is the first time that we have run this trip at Freegrounds Junior School we were not aware of the logistics around travel until recently and apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Due to this change, we are asking parents for a **voluntary contribution** of an additional £11.00 per child towards the cost of these coaches. In the current climate, we hope you understand our need to ask for this voluntary contribution, but appreciate that for some this additional expense may be a concern. Please do contact us if you have any concerns regarding this. The voluntary contribution of £11.00 will be added to your child's ScoPay account.

To clarify, children will need to be dropped to the school hall at 8:50am (normal time) on the morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. They will then be leaving school on coaches at approximately 9:20am- parents are welcome to wait on school lane and wave us off. A coach will collect us from Stubbington on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, and children will be able to be collected early from the school hall at approximately 2:30pm.

We look forward to sharing further information regarding this trip at our information presentation on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (tomorrow) at 3:30pm in the school hall.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Terri Blake  
Assistant Headteacher