

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

As you already know, our exciting curriculum of learning for your children has been designed carefully by staff to not just meet, but exceed the requirements of the National Curriculum! As well as *what* we learn, we also spend time thinking about *how* we learn. With new technology there are lots of ways to make learning in the classroom stimulating and exciting...but nothing replaces real-life experiences!

For the past few years, we have been fortunate enough to receive additional funding from a business in Ulverston called Orcina. They have generously donated 'enrichment' funding which has allowed us to subsidise and completely pay for trips, visitors and activities for all children. Examples of this over the past year include paying for the coach for the trip to Vindolanda so parents only had to contribute for the cost of the museums; paying for the whole school to visit the cinema to see Wonka; covering the cost of poets and authors to visit the school etc.

By law, we have to use the phrase 'voluntary contribution' when asking for money related to activities during the school day. It is brilliant that so many families have done their best to make these payments in part or in whole whilst we have all been experiencing a cost of living crisis. Families who are genuinely struggling with costs are offered payment plans or further support from our Pupil Premium Fund.

If families choose to not pay as they do not value the trip or see it as good value for money (or any other reason – not financial hardship) then this automatically puts the experience in jeopardy for **all** children.

I've had three girls go through school – I know it can all add up and it can often seem like there is always something children need money for! I would please ask that if you are finding it tricky to pay for things then please talk to us in confidence. Believe me, we do everything we can to keep costs to a minimum – but we do really think these experiences are worthwhile!

As always, please feel free to contact school for a conversation if this is something you want to discuss in detail.

David Reddy
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