



21 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 2 Educational Visit to Portchester Castle – Thursday 5 June 2025

An educational visit has been arranged for Year 2 to Portchester Castle on Thursday 5 June 2025.

We will leave school by coach at 9:00 am and return to school by 3:00 pm. **We will provide a packed lunch for your child but we ask you to provide your child with their own named water bottle. The children will need to wear comfortable clothes with a Calmore jumper/cardigan and dress appropriately for the weather, together with comfortable footwear/trainers.**

The cost of this visit will be £17.75. **Please make payment via Arbor and also give your consent on Arbor instead of a paper slip.** We appreciate that families are more stretched than ever financially at the moment, which is why we have given you as much notice as possible. Unfortunately, the soaring costs of hiring a coach to take the children to Portchester Castle and back have contributed to the cost of the trip being higher than we would like. We have explored other options of getting the children to and from Portchester, but are unable to find a suitable, less costly alternative. We really want to continue offering our children the opportunity of taking part in school trips, as they are so important to the children's learning and hope that you will be able to support us in continuing to offer the children these wonderful opportunities.

If sufficient monies are not received, the trip may have to be cancelled.

We do also rely on your help to accompany, supervise and work alongside the children. We need a specific number of adults and without them we will not be able to proceed. If you are able to give us your time then please contact one of the Year 2 teaching team or the school office as soon as possible. Please note that all adult helpers must be DBS checked (through Hampshire County Council) – please see the office staff.

Yours sincerely

Year 2 Teaching Team