

# DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Head Teacher: Mrs J Thomas**

Date: as per ParentPay

Dear Parents/Carers - Y5

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, year 5 will be visiting The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham.

The trip will take place **during the normal school day**, however, please ensure your child **arrives at school promptly**. They are due to **arrive back at approximately 15:15** but this will be dependent upon traffic on the day.

The children will require a packed lunch plus some non-fizzy drinks (no glass bottles or cans please). If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. **They will also require a small backpack bag to carry their lunch/drink.**

Children should wear their **normal school uniform** and have sun cream applied before they leave for school (if applicable). They should bring with them a **waterproof coat and a sun hat**. **Sensible footwear is also required** as the grounds can have uneven surfaces, and it can be slippery at times. Lastly, please do not send the children with any money on the day of the trip.

**In order to cover ticket, the rain forest challenge teaching session, and transport costs, a voluntary contribution of £20.00 would be appreciated for the trip. However, we must point out that if we do not receive adequate funding to cover costs, we will have to cancel this trip. Please see overleaf for further information.**

Would you **please provide consent and make your voluntary contribution using ParentPay by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (during the school holidays)**, as we need your permission to take your child on the visit. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Y5 Teaching Team



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is it compulsory for my child to attend?**

We cannot force any child to attend any trip/visit but they are all educational visits, which enhance the curriculum and will benefit the work done in class. If they do not attend they will miss out on an important part of their learning experience.

### **Why do I have to pay when it is a voluntary contribution?**

Under the requirements of the Education Act 1966, we can only raise the cost of the visit by voluntary contributions but in order for the trip/visit to go ahead, we are dependent on everyone giving support.

### **What happens if people do not pay?**

If the level of financial support is insufficient, the trip/visit will be cancelled.

### **What if I cannot afford for my child to attend?**

If you are unable to make a contribution, please contact the school.

### **What will happen to my child if he/she does not attend?**

If you do not wish for your child to go, he/she will be expected to attend school and will spend the day with another year group doing work as normal.

### **Do we get a refund if my child is absent on the day of the trip/visit?**

The cost of the trip/visit has been worked out on the basis that all children will attend and therefore in the event of your child being absent on the visit date we will not be able to make refunds.



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