



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I once again need to write to you because the wonderful enrichment activities the school offers, such as trips, workshops and visitors, is under serious threat. This is because the proportion of parents/carers actually contributing towards these activities is shockingly, and appallingly, low, at around 50% recently. That is half of parents not contributing and leaving their child's school forced to make cutbacks elsewhere. Cutbacks to the resources they have to work and learn with; cutbacks to the hours of adult support in the classrooms; cutbacks to future trips and activities.

As part of Internet Safety Day, which took place just before half term, we ran a series of workshops, for example, educating pupils in Years 2 - 6 on online safety. The feedback was incredibly positive, with children and teachers reporting that they had so much fun whilst learning so much about a vital aspect of modern life. The cost of these workshops was £3.35 per pupil, around the price of a sandwich! However, again half of the pupils attending these workshops did not contribute.

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. Our wonderful Friends of School, the PALS, generously donate money on your behalf which helps make the most ambitious trips accessible - this is why, for example, some 'big' trips seem not much more expensive or even cheaper than some other trips: people are working hard to make sure these trips and activities are as affordable as possible for you, and that the children don't miss out. We need you to do your bit by showing willingness, and remembering to, contribute.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S McGinley  
Headteacher

