



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Year 4 will be visiting Tatton Park as part of our topic 'Make do and mend WWII'. We will leave school at 9.00am prompt and we will return to school before 3.30pm.

In order to 'get into the spirit' of what life was like as an evacuee, working on a farm, it is suggested that we dress up for the visit. I have enclosed an information sheet to help with costume choices!

We are asking for a contribution of £10 to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the event.

Please could you return the reply slip to authorise that your child is able to participate in this visit, together with the requested contribution by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. Please also inform us if your child needs a packed lunch to be provided by school. If they are bringing in their own packed lunch then please ensure this is in a clearly labelled plastic bag.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely  
Miss Myers

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ will/ will not be able to attend the  
Tatton Park trip on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Packed lunch from school required?      Yes / No (please delete as required)

I enclose the £10.00 contribution            (please tick)

Parent/Carer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Costume Information Sheet

## World War II Evacuees on the Farm

Date: 1942 Tatton Home Farm at War

### Where are you going?

Your Living History Day takes place at Tatton Dale Farm. The farm is just as it was when war broke out in 1939, so we hope you will get a good idea of what it was like to be an evacuee at this time.

### What to wear

We find some sort of costume, however simple, will help you to enter into the spirit of the day. You could dress up as evacuees like the pictures below, or just as ordinary country children during the war. On a farm, both girls and boys often wore dungarees over a warm 'fair-isle' sweater. It is important that you are warm and dry on your visit to Tatton, as most of your time is spent outside. Make sure you bring a warm coat, a hat or hood and waterproof footwear.

### Evacuees

Evacuees came from major cities like London and Manchester to live with families in the safety of the countryside and wore Identity Labels on arrival. Gas masks were carried at all times in brown cardboard boxes. Some children even had novelty models made to look like Mickey Mouse!

#### Boys

The boys hair was much shorter than today and often combed to one side. You could also wear a cap.

Boys wore blazers or short, warm jackets with a warm scarf and jumper underneath.

The boys wore short trousers all year round, (even in winter!) until the age of fourteen when they left school and started to work. Long socks were worn to keep them warm.



#### Girls

Girls hair was usually short and cut into a bob shape with a ribbon worn on one side. A kind of beret called a 'pixie' hat was worn outdoors.

Girls rarely wore trousers, but had thick woollen tights or long socks in the winter. Cardigans were very common, worn over a frock or with a blouse and pleated skirt or 'gym slip'.

Coats were  $\frac{3}{4}$  length 'Mackintosh' style or wool in the winter, not short jackets like today.

In summer, both girls and boys wore sandals. In winter, stout lace-up shoes were normal. As you are going to the farm, however, it would be sensible to wear lace-up boots or wellies.

### Resources

Wartime Tatton - Full Story guide available from the Tatton Gifts or the Old Hall reception.

'Ration Book Recipes-Some Food Facts 1939-1954' by Gill Curbishley available through English Heritage.