

29 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **SPECIALIST PROVISION VISIT TO MAGDALEN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST**

We are planning a Specialist Provision visit to Magdalen on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. The aim of the visit is to provide the children with an exciting opportunity to explore the natural world around them. The children will be able to describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside and recognise that some environments are different to the one in which they live. The children will also be taking part in '**Hands on Farming**' where they will experience life as a real farmer, by carrying out valuable and fun day-to-day jobs on our organic farm, such as sowing seeds, harvesting vegetables, wheelbarrowing, watering and animal feeding. We will visit the farm animals, learning about animal welfare and different farming practices. In the kitchen garden we can go on a taste tour, discuss pollination and look at how changing farming practices affect biodiversity on our farms.

The party leaders will be all Specialist Provision teachers assisted by support staff.

Our transport will be provided by Vickerys coaches and Mendip Community minibuses. We aim to leave school promptly at 9:15am and return to school by the end of the school day. Please can the children wear comfortable **old** clothing (jeans are not good for outdoor activities as they do not dry quickly) with trainers or comfy boots/shoes and be prepared for all weather eventualities (rainproof jacket with hood or hats/sun cream.) If it is forecast to be very wet, we suggest the children take wellies in a named carrier bag.

**If your child is in receipt of a Universal Infant Free School Meal or a Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them.** Please email [office@brooksideacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@brooksideacademy.co.uk) if **THIS IS REQUIRED**.

All other children will need to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle. Magdalen has a NO NUTS policy.

### **Financial Arrangements**

- Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£24.86** towards the cost. Payment is preferred through ParentPay, but cash may be paid in stores with a PayPoint machine. Please note, although this is called a 'voluntary contribution' we regret that the trip cannot go ahead unless all costs are covered. Payment needs to be paid by **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023** at the latest.
- In the event of the visit not taking place parents will receive a refund.

### **The school retains the following rights:**

- to withdraw any pupil at any stage from the above visit if deemed necessary
- to make changes to the above details subject to conditions
- to cancel the visit should contributions not be forthcoming and sufficient funds are not received to meet the cost of the trip/activity.

### **Insurance**

Brookside Academy only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the academy and its employees. Parents may wish to make their own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for their children.

**Medical Needs**

If your child has medical needs affecting him/her during the visit please inform the party leaders, in person or in writing, providing details. Should there be any enquiries regarding the day please contact the Academy Office.

Should there be any enquiries regarding the day please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Walton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Brian Walton**