



Wednesday 7th September 2016

Local Learning Letter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new year!! I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable Summer break – the children are raring to go and have told me all about their fantastic adventures.

Our aim is to provide a stimulating and interesting curriculum to help our children be inspired to learn. This week, each class have started their new topics which hopefully they have told you all about. In order to keep these topics alive, we would like your permission for your child to have the opportunity to be involved in:

Visiting the local area (Anstey and Bradgate Park)

- Through our History and Geography curriculum, children should make comparisons between types of houses; the types of shops and landscapes that are around our school and our homes. They may undertake traffic surveys; interview the local people and support the local community in their Spiritual, Moral and Social Curriculum and Maths Curriculum. Children may experience the local area and look for species of animals, trees and how and why things grow in certain places in their Science Curriculum. In our RE curriculum, we will visit the local places of worship for celebrations and to help us understand and appreciate different faiths.

Using I pads to make short videos and showing these on our website and twitter feed

- In our English curriculum, it is imperative that children are given the opportunity to develop their oracy skills through the use of presentations and performances. Children should have the opportunity to respond to feedback from an audience. In the computing curriculum, creating animation; editing and producing short films and using a range of technology safely, responsibly and respectfully is at the forefront of the new curriculum.

Watching educational clips/ videos (this may include PG videos in KS2)

- In our English curriculum, making linking between books and film is a great way for children to develop comprehension and understand key comparisons. The use of short video clips can help children to become immersed in experiences that we could not create in other ways. This can help children become inspired to write at a deeper level with a larger range of vocabulary and more sophisticated plot.

Taking photographs and using these to create published work (on our Website and Twitter feed)

- We encourage our children to be authors. This helps them to understand that everything they write is for a purpose and will be read by someone else. In order to make their work the very best it can be, photographs will be used to give their work a published feel. This work will be shared with a wider

audience such as: the local community; our website; other schools within the Academy Trust and our parents and carers.

In order to help us with organisation, we would really appreciate you completing the permission slip below for all activities so that we can plan events in plenty of time and ensure that the curriculum we offer is the best that it can be. We will always let you know if we plan to take our children out of the school grounds, however, if you have agreed to the local visits offer in this letter, we will not ask you for permission again. This will hopefully save administration for both you and ourselves and therefore more time can be spent on planning excellent activities. We will never post a photograph of a child with their name displayed to ensure that we meet all safeguarding best practise guidelines.

This letter will be sent annually so that your preferences can always be kept up to date, so apologies if you have not long completed a letter like this.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sarah Sadler, Headteacher

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I give permission for my child: _____ in class _____
to (please tick all of the boxes that you agree your child to be part of):

<input type="checkbox"/>	be in photographs on display in school newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/>	watch videos for an educational purpose
<input type="checkbox"/>	be in photographs on display in local newsletters (eg Anstey Gazette, Leicester Mercury)	<input type="checkbox"/>	watch videos for an educational purpose which may be a PG (KS2 only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	be in photographs on social media (Twitter feed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	walk around the local community (with notice to parents/ carers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	be in photos across the Discovery Schools Academy Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	be on a secure You Tube feed (only accessible for school members with a password) or through a unique QR code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be in photos in promotional materials for the school and Woolden Hill Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____