

10/06/2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Felixstowe Visit

We are looking to offer your child a second visit this year, this time to the beach and seaside town of Felixstowe. Year 8 will be travelling on **11th July 2022**. They will leave school at 9am and should arrive in Felixstowe at 10.45am at the latest. They will return from Felixstowe at 2pm and will arrive back at school by 4pm.

The purpose of the trip is predominantly to provide joy and activity for a group of students who have missed out on a lot in the last couple of years and who would benefit from making memories and spending time with each other. We are also supporting students to communicate and have fun together without their mobile devices, so will ask them to leave them at home. A small disposable camera and or device to take photo's is appropriate to record their memories, however they bring these at their own risk.

Once again, we are working within the parent's guidance as to what would be reasonable to afford this year. The Cost of the trip is **£21.25 per student and this will need to be paid to the school by Friday 1st July 2022**. We would prefer all payments to be made via the School Gateway App, however we will accept cash via the school office. Alternative travel arrangements need to be made for those who use school transport.

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child/children to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/r/wTJzNgnciE>.

Students will be shown the one- mile strip of beach, which will offer an area for crabbing, paddling under supervision, various games activities which we will organise, cricket in the dunes, areas for football, sandcastle making, kite flying, an extensive park, a small fair ground with rides and a pier with all the slot machines you would expect from a seaside beach area. Staff and parent volunteers will be positioned at various points along the beach in order to support and care for the students during the day, and all students will meet their tutor for lunch.

Students will be outside all day, so keeping an eye on the forecast will be important. Come rain or shine we will be on the beach! We do not require students to wear uniform.

We would recommend the following:

- A waterproof jacket and or clothing if the forecast is poor.
- A packed lunch and lots of drinks if it is hot. (no glass bottles or sweets)
- Money for an ice cream and a drink.
- Sun cream, a hat and sunglasses.
- A swimming costume and towel optional.
- If your child has a bucket and spade, and or beach ball, they can bring these (named).
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name to be handed to the office prior to the visit.
- A maximum of £20 spending money.

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Spending money is not necessary, as there are enough free activities for students to participate in, so money for an ice cream would be all they need. The school will provide crabbing lines and materials, sporting equipment and kites.

We would like all students have the opportunity to take part in this trip. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

To help us run the trip and to reduce the supply cover needed for the rest of the school, we are keen to engage parent volunteers to support. We have been really lucky to have so many parents and carers willing to attend these trips. If you are available on this day, please complete the link above to volunteer. We will of course pay for your journey there and back. If you do volunteer we will be asking you to support the teachers in manning one of the station activities on offer.

Kindest regards



Jo Gant

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