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RE School Trips for 2020-21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Given the current situation with COVID, much to our dismay, it is unlikely that school trips and visits during this academic year will go ahead. We recognised how vital these enrichment opportunities are to develop our children's life experiences and to expose them to some wonderful learning environments beyond our school gate, however at present this is not a viable option for us.

To overcome this and to enhance our curriculum, we would like to introduce a programme to school called **Now>Press>Play**, using virtual experiences to replace our usual trips. This dynamic programme is an immersive audio resource that engages primary school children and brings all areas of the curriculum including Maths & Literacy, PSHE, Science, History, Geography, RE and Languages, to life. In the current climate where we are unable to take pupils on trips outside school we feel they would benefit enormously from the experiences this programme can deliver extending their skills across a wide spectrum.

In a **Now>Press>Play** experience every child is given a pair of wireless headphones. Immersed in sound, they become the main character in a story, meeting people, discovering places and solving problems on an educational adventure they will never forget. **Now>Press>Play** can be used as a whole class activity or in small groups, and is a fun and inclusive way to engage children through emotion, imagination and movement. The children will have access to several **Now>Press>Play** experiences across the year, which we know they will enjoy and benefit from. Please look here to see the potential of this wonderful resource.

In order for us to introduce this programme to Byfleet, we will need a contribution from our families - to cover the purchase price we ask for a contribution of £10 per child. This will be in lieu of the costs that traditionally would have been spent on school trips across the year.

Please use this link https://forms.gle/W3sMvaYr8EVXASjK8 to confirm if you are willing to make this contribution – PLEASE SEND NO MONEY AT THIS TIME.

We thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cheryl Meyrick Headteacher