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Dear Parent/Carer,

Tuesday 12th May 2026 - Visit To Dumfries House For P1B & P1M

A visit has been arranged to Dumfries House as part of our Health and Wellbeing topic for the 12th May 2026. The children will take part in workshops which will cover our topics of food production and good practise in farming. Pupils will leave school at 9.00 am and return to school for 3.00 pm. The children will not be required to bring any additional money on the day of the trip. All pupils who require a packed lunch please indicate on Parent pay if you wish your child to have a school pack lunch. Pupils should also bring water and a snack on the day. Your child should wear suitable outdoor clothing on this occasion and appropriate footwear. The outing to Dumfries House is £10.00 and can be paid via Parent Pay this covers any transport cost and the various workshops. Consent should be via Parents Portal and payment via Parent Pay and this will be on Parent pay as "P1 Dumfries House 26".

Parent Helpers and PVG Checks

We greatly value the support of parents and carers within our school and the positive impact this has on children's learning and experiences. We are currently seeking to identify parents who may be interested in volunteering to help in class or support school activities throughout the year. Due to recent changes in PVG legislation in Scotland, all parent helpers who volunteer regularly or work closely with children are now required to hold a valid PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check. This is a legal requirement and applies even where parents are helping in a voluntary capacity. Volunteering opportunities may include supporting learning activities, helping with practical tasks, accompanying classes on outings, or assisting with special events. As such, parents who volunteer must be available and willing to help at various times across the school year, rather than on a single occasion. We will store your name on our PVG register.

Due to the size of the school and cost implications to the school we are looking at this at in a stage by stage way in relation to the outings and trips coming up. **If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer or would like further information about what this involves, please contact phone the school office and they will arrange for your PVG check for the school.** This new legislation has really impacted on how we run our trips and we really do appreciate your support with this as we try to ensure that the children still have a fabulous time. Please note that even if you have a PVG certificate for another organisation you will still need to apply for one for the school, this will be an update rather than a full application. This also applies to the Parent Council. If you have a PVG through the Parent Council, you also need an update for the school. If you have more than one child in the school, you only need to apply for it once.

Annual Data Check

If there are any changes to the information you submitted on your Annual Data check form please amend this on Parents Portal and let the office know. We must have the up-to-date information on Parents Portal before your child can go on this outing. Please speak to the school if is you require support with this.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Meney

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