

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rectory Gardens Broadstairs Trip

It has come to my attention that some parents have expressed their concern about the forthcoming Rectory Gardens trip to the seaside on Tuesday 27th June, especially in the wake of the tragedy that unfolded in Bournemouth last week. I completely understand how some of you may be feeling. However, alongside the comprehensive risk assessments that we have put in place, the following will be strictly adhered to:

- children will not have free access to the water and they will be very closely supervised when, and if, they want to paddle in the sea
- adults will form a physical barrier, standing in low level water, facing the shore and your children. No child, however competent a swimmer, will be allowed to go past the adults when in the water
- children will be called out class by class to ensure that access to the water is very well managed
- lifeguards will be on duty at the beach

This is a trip that I have had the pleasure of doing on many occasions with previous schools where I have also been a headteacher. Being able to give your child the experience of being at the seaside with their friends, building sandcastles and paddling in the sea, will hopefully be one that they will remember for a very long time.

For this trip, we will be able to take along a few parent volunteers on the coaches with us. These will be randomly selected early next week – details will be forthcoming.

You are also welcome to come along and join us at the seaside on the day. Trains go from St Pancras to Broadstairs Railway Station, with the beach being less than a 10 minute walk from the train station <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>. It would be good to have you join us at Broadstairs too.

Please Note:

- Children will need to be in school by **7.45am** so that the coaches can leave promptly at this time.
- Children are expected to return at approximately **5.30pm** but we will update you on the day
- After School Club at Rectory Gardens **will not be running**, so please make arrangements to collect your child after the trip
- Please make payment via SchoolMoney if you haven't already (you can change the amount to £10)

Further information about what your child will need to bring on the day to Broadstairs will be sent out in a separate letter next week. If, in the meantime, you would like to know anything further, please don't hesitate to make contact with me via the school office.

Warmest regards,

Calvin Henry

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Headteacher