



10th July 2026

Rother Valley Trip

Dear Parents / Carers,

With just a few weeks to go before the Year 8 trip to Rother Valley Country Park, I would like to update you with information about the day out.

Weather and clothing

Students must wear their **red school PE top** and suitable shoes, such as trainers. Since the main activity is on water, it is essential that students bring a **change of clothes and a towel**. If the weather is warm enough for shorts, please ensure that your child's shorts are loose-fitting; please also ensure that your child brings a hat, sunscreen, and a bottle of water. If the weather is cooler or there is a chance of rain then long trousers should also be loose-fitting, and please ensure that your child has a suitable shower-proof jacket. In either case, your child should bring a backpack for their items.

Food and spending money

Please send your child with a packed lunch. We will be around the general public so please avoid sending food containing nuts in case members of nearby parties have allergies. We will provide lunch for students who receive free school meals. There is nothing to spend money on at the park so there is no need for students to bring spending money. If your child brings some anyway, the school will not be held responsible for lost or stolen money.

Mobile phones and other valuables

We will permit students to bring their mobile phones with them, and we will give them the mobile phone number of the trip leader. In the unlikely event of an emergency students should contact the trip leader and staff on site **before** trying to contact home, as we will be better placed to respond to difficulties. The school will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or broken phones, nor will it be held responsible for other valuables (such as earphones or ear buds) that students might bring with them.

Medication

Students with asthma should remember to bring their inhalers.

Departure and arrival times

Students should arrive at school at the normal time, and we will depart at 9 am. We will return to school before school ends so your child will be able to make their way home as normal. If for any reason we are delayed, we will instruct students to contact you with an updated return time so you can make the necessary arrangements.

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Behaviour

We are expecting Rother Valley Country Park to be busy on the day, so we would like to remind you that your child is representing our school to the general public. We expect the very highest standards of behaviour on the bus and in the park. Failure to meet our expectations might mean that your child is taken out of the park and not invited on future trips.

Kind regards,

Mr D Tones.

Director of Science.

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