



13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Stepping forward together**  
**Our First Trip for all children – parents welcome too!**

As the government this week announced 'next step' measures to move us more towards normality, it feels like we might finally be emerging from the past year, heading in a positive direction. After so long in lockdowns, experiencing school closures and having to manage new ways of living it's only natural that the steps might feel unusual, and perhaps even a bit daunting.

It is with this in mind that we are keen to step out carefully and simply with all children, and parents too if you'd like to join us, on our first school trip since all this began. Some years ago, in the early history of Haytor View, we led regular 'Time to Think' trips which were free of charge, involved every class and saw parents invited to join their children if they wished. Taking just half a day, the trips were simple, fun and relatively local. They had no specific learning expectation beyond us enjoying time together and exploring two simple questions:-

What can I see?  
What questions can I ask?

Well, Time to Think trips are back! They remain free of charge thanks to the sponsorship of **Unicare** along with the support of **Grey Cars Coach Company**, and just like before we're inviting all parents to join us if they want.

So what is our first 'Time to Think' trip going to look like?

For eight consecutive mornings we will be taking each group of children, from Year 6 to Nursery to visit **Haytor** – it's where we get our school's name from, and was the location of our first ever Time to Think trip many years ago. Dates of each trip are detailed below and will be led by class teachers.

A coach will leave school at 9.15am and return children in time for lunch – and parents are welcome to join us. Having spoken to Grey Cars they are comfortable that transport arrangements fit with regulations in place – all we ask is that any adults attending wear masks while on the coach. When we arrive they can come off!

We'll take a walk together up Haytor, enjoy the views for 90 minutes or so together before returning to school for lunch. **Of course parents do not have to attend, but are very welcome** – you may even find yourself wanting to come on more than one day if you have children in different classes.

It sounds simple, and it is, but we recognise that for many children and families this may be the furthest distance travelled for over a year as a result of restrictions and the lives we have been leading. It is for this reason we hope, that with your support and agreement, we can take this step – and do it together if you'd like to join us. It would be great to have you on board, either through giving your permission for your child to attend, or by joining us and your child – pre-nursery aged siblings are welcome to come along too – you'll just have to push them or carry them up Haytor!

What next?

Do you feel able to support this 'stepping out' by allowing your child to attend, or even by joining us? If so, just **complete the permission slip** that you will be receiving over the next few days and return it to us. **If you are unsure please talk to us** – your child's class teacher will be happy to hear your concerns and give you more details. Be assured that we are following all guidance and will undertake the usual risk assessment processes – Brendan Stone, Head of Outdoor Learning for Devon thinks our plans are a great idea and we hope it will receive your support too.

Dates of the trips follow on the next page – and remember, please talk with us if you have any concerns. We hope that, with your support and comfort, we can step out towards the future together, safely and comfortably. We just need to book the weather, once we've heard from you.

All trips leave at approx. 9.15am and return to school by approx. 12 noon each day  
Parents/Carers/Family members are welcome to join us

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 led by Mr Hankin  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 led by Miss Shopland  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 led by Mrs Cousins  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 led by Mrs Brown  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 led by Mr Franklin  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 1 led by Miss Hall  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Foundation Stage Base 1 led by Miss Butler\*  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Foundation Stage Base 2 led by Mrs Penn\*

Please complete and return the permission slip that your child brings home from school  
Provide permission for your child to attend, and details of any family members who would like to join them

You will hear more from your child's teacher about arrangements nearer the day of the visit.

\*Particular arrangements for children in the Foundation Stage will be shared over the coming weeks.

<p>And remember, we are keen to hear from you with any doubts or concerns that you may have. It's quite a step for all of us – with your support, we'll step forward together.</p>
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Yours sincerely,

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