



# Kents Hill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to share that on **Friday 22nd May**, we will be taking **all children in Years 3–6 on a whole-school trip to the beach!**

This is a very special opportunity for our school community, fully funded, which has been made possible through generous donations and we are incredibly grateful for the support that has allowed this to happen. It promises to be a memorable, enriching and celebratory day for all of our pupils, a fantastic way to end the half term together.

To help you prepare, please find all key information below:

### What time are we leaving?

In order to make the very most of our time at the beach, and to travel during quieter, safer periods - we will be leaving **before the usual start of the school day.**

We appreciate this is earlier than normal, but it allows us to:

- Maximise learning and enjoyment time at the beach
- Avoid peak travel times
- Ensure a smoother, safer journey for all pupils

**All children, in all years, need to be in school by 8:00am.**

The front gate will open from 7:45am.

We will return for the end of the normal school day **15:20**. Please note that all wraparound care (breakfast and after school club will run as normal).

### What if we are late?

It is **essential that all children arrive on time.**

We will be travelling on pre-booked trains and unfortunately, we will not be able to delay departure. If you arrive late, there is a risk that we will have to leave without your child.

Thank you in advance for helping us ensure the day runs smoothly for everyone.

### How are the children getting to the beach?

We will walk to Benfleet train station and travel together by train. This is part of the adventure and a great opportunity for pupils to experience travel safely as a group as well as being part of their '50 Things to Do Before I Leave KHJS'.

### What does my child need to bring?

Please ensure your child brings:

- School **PE kit** (to be worn) with trainers that they don't mind getting sandy or possibly slightly wet
- A **packed lunch**
- A **water bottle**

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- A towel to sit on and potentially wipe their feet

- **Sun hat**
- **Sun cream** (applied before school and packed if needed)

Optional:

- A bucket and spade

**Important:** Children must be able to **carry all of their belongings themselves.**

### Do children need any money?

No, children do not need to bring any money.

### Can my child go in the sea?

Children will not be swimming in the sea.

### Can I be a parent helper?

Yes, we would love to have some parent helpers join us.

If you are interested, please contact the school office and provide your DBS information.

Please note: Due to safeguarding requirements, only parents with a valid DBS check in place with the school will be able to attend.

### Can I join you at the beach on the day?

We completely understand that this is an exciting opportunity and that many families may wish to be part of it. However, to ensure we can **safeguard all children effectively**, we kindly ask that parents do not join us unless they have been confirmed as an official helper in advance.

We are unable to verify DBS checks or manage additional adults on the day, either during travel or at the beach. Therefore, if you have not been selected as a helper, you will unfortunately not be able to join us on this occasion and in the interest of safeguarding all of our children, we will politely ask you to leave.

Thank you for your understanding and support, it really helps us keep the children safe.

### How do I contact the school on the day?

All staff, including our wonderful office team, will be on the trip.

We will have the school After School Club phone with us and all calls to our office will be diverted to this number (07519806079).

Please **only contact us in an emergency**, as staff will be fully focused on supervising the children.

We will not be able to respond to general or administrative queries during the day.

### What happens if the weather is poor or too hot?

We will monitor the weather closely in the lead-up to the trip.

If conditions are **unsafe due to poor weather or extreme heat**, we will make a decision and communicate with you as early as possible.

If the trip goes ahead in warm weather, we will take additional precautions such as:

- Encouraging regular water breaks
- Ensuring sun protection is worn
- Making use of shaded areas where possible

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## Why are we going to the beach?

This trip is about so much more than a day out. It is:

- A chance to come together as a **whole school community**
- An opportunity to tick off one of our **“50 Things to Do Before You Leave KHJS”**
- A rich link to our **curriculum learning**, including geography, science and environmental awareness
- A well-deserved **celebration at the end of a fantastic half term**

Most importantly, it is an opportunity for children to **create lasting memories with their friends and teachers.**

We are incredibly excited about this special day and know it will be a highlight of the year for many of our pupils. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us provide such memorable experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Parkes  
Headteacher

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