



Thursday 22 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to Julie's letter outlining the NEU's proposed strike, which falls on the day of our Early Phase beach visit, I am writing to outline how we can ensure it can go ahead safely. Staff involved have decided to make an exception to allow this special day for our Early Phase families to go ahead as planned.

We have consulted with our school NEU representatives, who are in agreement that our proposed solutions support those involved, so that the beach visit can continue. We are confident that we are able to go ahead in line with the risk assessments in place, further to the careful, orchestrated planning.

Please read carefully as some details have changed:

- To support our community in not feeling uncomfortable, we will not be asking anyone to walk on to the school grounds that day.
- Each family will be given their coach number and collection point via email in advance of the day. Posters will also be displayed outside classrooms in order for you to take note of coach details.
- Please ensure your child (and yourselves!) use the toilet at home and go straight to your coach without entering school premises that morning. All coaches have toilets, although they are not the most desirable.

Siblings

We recognise that many families attending the trip have siblings at Kilmorie and other schools that will need accommodating, as their school may be on strike. Siblings of any age are regrettably not able to join us on the visit to Joss Bay. The details of this visit needed very careful planning to ensure we have the correct spread of adults, children, support staff, first aiders, etc. across the coaches. Any changes at this stage would have a huge knock-on effect that could jeopardise the visit. There should be no need for anyone who has booked a seat on the coach to drive to Joss Bay.

Therefore, we ask that all families try to find provision for siblings for the day of the beach trip, as we are unable to accommodate them all. However, we are aware that finding alternative care is not always possible. If you are struggling to find childcare for another one of your children who attends Kilmorie Primary School; you have no alternative provision and you are attending the beach trip, please email us at info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk before 12pm midday, Monday 26th June, and we will look into whether we are able to support you.

Kind regards

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