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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester – Friday 15th March

To reinforce the work that we will be doing in our science lessons we have organised a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester on Friday 15th March. We feel that this will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to build on their knowledge about space. There is so much more to see and do at the museum than we can teach in the classroom.

The National Space Centre has a wide variety of interactive hands-on galleries to explore which contain everything you need to know about Space including how stars are formed and what gravity is like on other planets. We will take part in a Mars Rover building challenge as well as having the chance to see a real rocket and lots of space memorabilia.

To maximise our time at the Space Centre, **we will be leaving Linton Heights promptly at 7.15am (please arrive at school by 7.00am) and returning around 5pm.**

Children will need to be dressed in school uniform and bring with them a packed lunch, water bottle and enough snacks for the day. *No spending money will be required.*

We would like to request a voluntary contribution of **£34** towards the cost of this trip payable using MCAS. This can either be paid in a lump sum or in instalments as follows:

£17 by Friday 2nd February (MCAS calls this the deposit payment)
£17 by Friday 1st March

The voluntary contribution that we ask parents to make for school trips and events is worked out by splitting the costs equally between the number of children attending. Whilst the majority of parents do make a contribution, not all parents do which means that the school has to cover the shortfall. Our budget is incredibly tight and does not include funding for trips and events so any costs that the school has to incur has an impact on our available funds. We would therefore be incredibly grateful if you could consider an additional payment for this event to help the school. If you are able to do this, please make your payment using MCAS and selecting the 'additional contribution' payment item for this event.

Sections 449 to 462 of the Education Act 1996 stipulate that when writing to parents we have to state that their contribution is made voluntarily. The school however does not have any funding for such events so unfortunately if we do not receive enough parental contributions, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.



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Yours sincerely

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