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Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers

Year 5 Visit to Clifton Park

As part of an exciting local history project, the children will be working with **Rotherham Archives and Local Studies**, which was awarded an Archives Revealed grant for the project 'Boroughing In: Cataloguing Place and Identity in Rotherham'. The project explores records dating from 1792 to the present day, uncovering the rich and complex history of our borough and highlighting fascinating historical maps that show how land has been used over time.

To launch the project, the children will visit the museum and archives on 03 November 2026, where they will begin exploring these historical records and learning more about their local area. Following this visit, Carly Clark, a drama specialist, will work with the class during five Thursday afternoon sessions to further develop and enrich their experiences. Alongside digital artist Natasha Poland, the children will explore their local community and create their own "counter maps", where the scale is based on the places and features, they feel are most important in their world. This will provide a unique and engaging way to learn about local history and identity.

These sessions and activities are being provided free of charge and offer a fantastic opportunity for the children. The only contribution we are asking for is towards the cost of the coach travel to and from the museum.

Your child will need to wear school uniform as normal. We will be leaving school at 9:30am and return at approximately 14:30pm. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you wish to order a school packed lunch, please contact the office by 02 November 2026.

The cost of the experience is free. We are delighted to be able to inform you that Ravenfield Educational Foundation have agreed to cover the cost of the coach for this event. Consent for your child to attend must be given via MCAS.

We believe that children learn best from first-hand experience, so school visits are an important part of the school year and make a positive contribution to children's development. Such visits can only take place if parents are willing to contribute towards their cost. We hope that you will be able to offer your support in our endeavour to offer broad educational experiences through visits. Parents are not obliged to contribute but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then the visit will not be allowed to go ahead.

Photographs of the children participating in this event will be promoted and shared on our school website and Facebook page.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Martin & Mrs Milner
Year 5 Class Teachers