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## Tophill Low Nature Reserve



18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 5 – Visit to Yorkshire Water’s Tophill Low Nature Reserve, Driffield**  
**Class 5RC on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Class 5DR on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

A visit has been planned to Yorkshire Water’s Tophill Low Nature Reserve, Driffield, to link in with the children learning about life cycles in science. Tophill Low formally opened as a Nature Reserve in 1993 and covers a 300–acre site. Two reservoirs dominate the Reserve, which has Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status for the massive wildfowl numbers. Around the perimeter is a network of marshes, ponds, woodlands and grasslands where the children will be able to look at pond life and gain essential scientific skills in observing, recording and describing patterns to make predictions about how plants adapt to survive.

Class 5RC will visit on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** and Class 5DR will visit on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

On both days, the coach will **leave school at approximately 8.50 am** and will return by the end of the school day for collection as usual. The children will need to wear **school uniform** with comfortable shoes and have a waterproof coat with them in case of showers. Should it be sunny, please ensure your child has had suncream applied before they come to school and has a sunhat to wear.

A **packed lunch** and a **drink of water** are required (no glass bottles please); please pack this in a disposable bag, so it will not need to be carried afterwards.

A voluntary contribution of **£16.67 per child** towards the transport cost would be gratefully received. This visit is now available on the [ParentPay](#) website for you to pay online in the usual way. As you are now able to give consent on [ParentPay](#) you no longer need to return a paper permission slip to school. Should you require a paper permission slip, please contact the School Office.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the visit would not be economically viable and therefore could not take place should these contributions fail to materialise. However, our policy is that no student should be discriminated against by virtue of their inability to pay. Parents in receipt of Income Support or a similar benefit should contact me in the knowledge that the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Should you wish your child to take part, please log onto [ParentPay](#) and give your consent/make payment **by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson  
Head Teacher

On behalf of the Year 5 Team