Our School Vision

A happy school family where everyone works together, supporting each other to grow, learn and take on what comes with each and every day.

Monday 19th August 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Saltersgate School Outdoor Learning 2019-20

As a school we are committed to the value of Outdoor Learning for all our pupils. Throughout their time at Saltersgate there will be a range of opportunities for all learners to take part in outdoor learning experiences.

What sort of activities will this involve?

Local Community Visits: This involves activities in the local area, for example, visits to local shops, parks, cafes, library and community facilities, independent travel training using the public bus and local walks.

Vogrie: We are very fortunate to have been given the use of a special hut at Vogrie as a shelter and base for our students for outdoor learning opportunities. Classes will have regular opportunities to go to Vogrie with their class team and additional support, to use the hut as a base for learning outdoors.

Cycling: We are a cycle friendly school, and most students will have opportunities to enjoy learning cycling skills at school. This will start within the school playground on bikes and trikes, and over time some students will have opportunities to cycle further afield, along local cycle paths and safe cycle routes. Cycling out of school is always with a member of staff who is a qualified Cycle Ride Leader.

Other outdoor activities: Some activities may seem more adventurous, as they involve exploring and learning about the wider countryside. These trips are led by a specialist outdoor learning teacher, and may include hill-walking, coastal walks, exploring streams and woodlands etc.

What should students wear? The school has bought a large range of outdoor clothing and footwear for everyone to use, but students are welcome to bring their own if they would like to. We have waterproof tops and trousers of all sizes. We also have lots of wellies and walking boots, as well as fleeces, gloves and hats.

When required, transport will be provided by a council minibus, public transport, staff car, or hired transport unless otherwise stated.

You will find an attached Parental Consent (PC) form for the session, please complete this form and return it to school by Friday 23rd August so that all of the above activities can be fully accessed by your child.

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If the planned trip for your child is outside the normal set of activities listed above then we shall send home a separate consent form for you to complete and return to school.

It is the parents'/carers' responsibility to inform the school should there be any changes in the details contained within the form e.g. phone numbers, contact details or medical information etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Buggy
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