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The voluntary contribution is **£35 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, £30 for Reception, Year 1 and 2 and £20 for Nursery** children (with the exception of children who are paying for Nursery; this cost is included in your fee). This payment will cover contributions to all travel, workshops, museum entries, speakers, artists, scientists etc. that enrich our curriculum. It will not cover contributions to any of our intended residential trips (Year 4, 5 and 6). Whilst it is a voluntary contribution, we do hope that many of you will make payment, enabling us to preserve more of the school budget for core essentials.

The preferred method of payment is through the Scopay online payment site <https://www.scopay.com/eleanorpalmer> - also linked on school website homepage. You can pay in full, overwrite with a lesser amount or to make part-payment and, as always, **donating 'more than' is most welcome.**

For families with children in Years 5 and 6 we appreciate that you are already committed to making payments to the residential journeys this term and may prefer to make a voluntary contribution to class trips at a later date.

**We also need your permission for your child to participate in off-site visits in this academic year.** If there is a trip you are reluctant to give permission for, please let us know ahead of time and ideally have a chat with the teacher who may be able to better inform any decision you make.

### **How to give permission for your child to participate on trips**

**The quickest and easiest way to give permission is on the EP App** – on the homepage select **Forms** and choose the form at the top called **Class Trips 2022-23**.

**If you do not yet have the EP App – scan the relevant QR code here** and then search Eleanor Palmer School on the Piota site. The app is also really useful for the school calendar, for booking Breakfast Club and Club EP and for other information and notifications.

Apple

Android



If you **prefer to complete a paper form to provide consent**, complete and return the slip below to the office. **We cannot take your child offsite without your permission**, so please provide permission ahead of your child's first trip or by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, whichever is sooner. Thank you.

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### **ELEANOR PALMER CLASS TRIPS – PARENT/CARER PERMISSION SLIP 2022-23**

Please return this slip to the school office before your child's first trip or by FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, whichever is sooner. Thank you.

**Child/ren's name** ..... **class/es** .....

I give permission for my child/children to take part in all class trips during this academic year 2022-23

Signed ..... Date.....

(No need to return this slip if you have provided response through the EP App)