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Multi Skills at Rednock School - Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Year 2 parents/carers

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents who have spoken to us/emailed us regarding this Year 2 extracurricular opportunity.

Historically, this event, as a local event, has been arranged using parents to transport the children. Following on from the Parent Forum, where trips and transport was raised, we agreed that moving forwards we would, where possible, use a coach as this is parent's preferred means of transport for the children. It was made really clear that the school could not subsidise the cost of transport and that if the trip was not covered by parents, it would not be able to go ahead.

A letter was sent to parents informing them of this opportunity on 15th April 2026 with the deadline for consent/payment by **22nd April 2026**. This was added to ParentPay the same day.

On Monday 11th May only 44% of parents had responded and paid. Following a chasing email, 4 more parents paid 65%. No parents had offered to pay it forward.

We simply cannot run an opportunity based on this level of support, not to mention the impact that this has on the staff in the office, who seem to be continually chasing for one thing or another. This is something that is frustrating for staff and unsustainable.

Following the difficult decision to cancel the trip, 2 more parents paid.

There does seem to be some discrepancy regarding who received the chasing emails and who did not, we will be looking into this with our IT support, however we are aware that all parents received the original letter and deadline.

Many parents would still like their children to have the opportunity to go on this trip. We are still willing to staff this opportunity, but the coach has been cancelled.

There is however an option that will enable this opportunity at this point, to go ahead. You can use your parents WhatsApp group to arrange transport to and from Rednock for all of the children in Year 2. If this is something that you would like to arrange, please appoint a parent who is willing to take responsibility for communicating with the Admin Team to reduce repetition and admin time and involvement.

Please let us know if you would like to do this by tomorrow (we need to inform Rednock if we are still planning to attend). When the parents and car allocations are finalised, please let the Admin Team know, no later than Friday 22nd May 2026.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Clare Howells
Headteacher

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