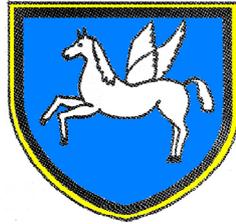


Winchelsea



All Individuals Matter

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

At Winchelsea we consider that carefully planned visits out of school support the work in the classroom and hence play a very important part in the curriculum and the work planned.

Parents will appreciate that educational visits have to be planned well in advance and that schools need to have the financial capacity to cover the costs. Parents are therefore asked to pay 'voluntary contributions' towards the cost, but must appreciate that there is no obligation to pay. We have adopted the procedure of sharing any costs between the number of participating children. If the school does not receive sufficient donations the visit may not be able to take place.

Similarly we may choose to invite groups into school to enhance the curriculum and provide different learning opportunities for the children such as theatre groups and again a voluntary contribution may be requested to cover the costs.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Winchelsea has developed strong links with other schools and organisations within the community. We enjoy shared activities with our neighbours at St George's Academy (Ruskington site) and benefit from the use of their facilities on occasion such as the science labs. We have also forged relationships with other local secondary schools in Sleaford and our pupils are regularly invited to share in activities organised by them such as Challenge Days and sporting events.

We also work closely with other organisations from the village or outlying localities. Local RAF personnel have become strongly involved with the school over recent years delivering French and Spanish lessons to all the children in school and offering a French club during lunchtime. They have also given their time to help develop our school grounds.

Local businesses and shops have often helped us with school topics by allowing the children to visit or by their staff coming and talking to the children. They have also contributed to prizes for special events in school.

We have good links with local churches. We hold Harvest Festivals and Christmas Concerts in the local Methodist Church and have regular assembly visits from the local Pastor from the South Lincs Church.