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## Care Curiosity Determination

Ref: Sch/Visits and Activities/Y5/6 Cromford Mills 2024 (JB)

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Cromford Mills Trip**

**Year 6 – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Year 5 – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

As part of our Derby Past and Present topic this term, we have arranged a visit to Cromford Mills – part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

During the trip the children will learn about the importance of the mills in and around Derby as the birthplace of the factory system and the Industrial Revolution as well as the key role played by people such as Richard Arkwright and Jedediah Strutt. They will also learn why these people chose the Derwent Valley for their mills, how they harnessed the power of water and the changes this brought to the valley before getting hands on to create their own water wheels as a way of exploring gears and pulleys.

Children should arrive at school at the earlier time of **8.30am**, in their school uniform. Part of the day is outdoors so children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather – including a warm coat. All children need to bring with them a packed lunch and their water bottle pre-filled (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) in a small backpack. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with 'Cromford' in the subject line - please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

We aim to arrive back at school, traffic permitting, for **3.25pm**. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details, should we need to contact you in the event that the anticipated arrival time is delayed.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£12.50 per child**. If not enough parents are willing to make such a contribution, then the trip may have to be cancelled. The easiest and safest way to make your payment is via our Parentmail system; please ensure we receive your consent and voluntary contribution no later than **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you are able to help on this trip, please can you let us know by emailing us at [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with 'Cromford' in the subject line and state your child's name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

Yours sincerely,

The Y5/6 Team