



May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Solent Dolphin Boat Trip

As part of the Life Skills programme, we have been exploring different opportunities on offer in the local community and following the success of last year's boat trips. I am pleased to confirm that we have managed to book a 2-hour boat trip with Solent Dolphin again this year, travelling on the 'Alison MacGregor' from Hythe Marina.

Solent Dolphin is a registered charity and trips on the Alison MacGregor are free of charge and exclusively for people with additional needs with the aim of offering a positive experience and making memories in a safe and calm environment. This means that there will only be a maximum of 12 passengers plus the crew on board. There may even be an opportunity once on board, for students to have a go at driving the boat itself, closely monitored by the Qualified skippers and trusted Redwood staff.

The boat trip has been arranged for Thursday 19th June 10.30-12.30pm. We will leave school by 9.30am to walk down to Hythe Marina and will return to school using the public buses by the end of the school day. After the boat ride, we will have lunch in Hythe so students can either bring a packed lunch or bring money to purchase food in Hythe. If your child receives free school meals, we can order a picnic lunch for them to take on the trip.

If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. The closing date is **Friday 6th June at 4pm**.

Students can wear non uniform on the day, and I have been advised that students may be asked to wear a Life Jacket whilst on the Alison MacGregor boat.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris West
Lead of Redwood SEMH RP