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Dear Parents,

We would like to invite all our parents to come to our Mill Lane site at 3.20pm on Wednesday 16th October to find out all about Children's University. We will be joined by Bernice Dixon from Children's University who will explain how the scheme works and answer any questions you may have. Passports will also be available to buy at the end of the presentation, but if you are not able to attend, please find a cut off slip at the end of this letter.

Kind regards

Mrs Kirton

For those unable to attend please find below information from Norfolk's branch of Children's University which gives more details about the scheme.

What is the Children's University?

A launchpad to future success

Our vision - to inspire all young people (aged 4 to 14), to discover innovative and creative learning **outside the normal school day**, and so develop new interests and acquire new skills.

Our aims for children – to work with schools and the local community to provide quality assured learning opportunities that:

- Raise aspiration, self-esteem and confidence
- Encourage curiosity and love of learning
- Enhance motivation and build resilience
- Improve life experiences



How it works

The Children’s University provides children aged 4-14 years whose school is involved with the opportunity to take part in exciting and creative learning activities outside of the normal school day. The activities can be before or after school, at weekends and during the school holidays.

The activity must be completed at a recognised Children's University Learning Destination to ensure that it offers high quality learning.

Activities can include, for example: clubs which run before, during lunchtime or after school; visits to tourist attractions such as museums; formal sports coaching activities; participation in clubs and societies such as music, drama and Scouting and Guiding groups.

If your child's school is a member of Children's University (which Horsford CE VA Primary School is!) then your child can buy a Passport to Learning for just £5. Your child can then start collecting their “out of school hours” learning that have been approved by the CU. The children can write in their passport and get it stamped to show they have completed an activity. Horsford CE VA Primary School is a CU’s learning destination and so any clubs your child attends at school can be stamped by Mrs Pratt, the school’s CU Coordinator. Equally for any out of school activities, CU member organisations such as museums, swimming clubs etc will stamp passports too. There are many Learning Destinations such as museums and out of school clubs that are validated to count towards CU hours – please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/childrensuniversity for a current list of Norfolk Learning Destinations.

Once a child has completed 30 hours of learning, they will be presented with a bronze certificate; 65 hours, a silver certificate and 100 hours a gold award and may have an opportunity to graduate with other pupils in the scheme across the Nebula Federation. Previous graduations have taken place at the UEA and The Great Hospital.

To join the scheme, pupils will need to purchase their Passport to Learning. This is the document they will use to record all their activities that will count towards their hours of extracurricular learning. The passport only needs to be purchased once and will carry forward into future years. Passports are available from school for £5 and represent great value as passport holders receive many benefits including FREE ENTRY into all Norfolk Museums such as Gressenhall and Norwich Castle.

Children can travel around Norfolk and the UK with their Passport, collecting stamps as they go. Learning Destinations across the country provide memorable, fun and good quality learning opportunities.

You can find out more about Learning Destinations across the UK by visiting www.childrensuniversity.co.uk.



Child’s name: Class:

I would like to purchase a Children’s University “Passport for Learning” for my child and enclose £5.

Signed:

