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Principal: Carly Welch
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Monday 18th June 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Sky Parade – Saturday 30th June 2018

The Hastings Thrives partnership of schools was formed in September 2015 to raise achievement and improve the well-being of all young people in Hastings. It has a particular emphasis on helping the most deprived young people. The partnership has the full support of the local authority, the local council and MP. Its work has been developed and approved by Ofsted.

As part of the partnership a children's festival has been organised. The festival will be a highly visible celebration of the energy and creativity of local children. It will be a large part of the St Leonards' festival (taking place on the same weekend). The centrepiece of the festival is a parade with the theme of 'Fly Together' on **Saturday 30th June** in which around 1000 children will parade along the seafront to Warrior Square Gardens. It's a high-profile event with the pier charity, the council, the local MP and schools across the town involved. We will be working hard to ensure extensive press coverage.

We are delighted to be writing to let you know that all of Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) have been invited to take part in the Sky Parade. On the day, your child needs to be transported to **the seafront side of Debenhams at 1.30pm**, where Mrs Welch and Miss Collins will be waiting to meet the children. **All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer throughout the parade** (younger siblings are also welcome to join in). We will then walk to the pier to take our place in the parade with other schools. We will parade to Warrior Square Gardens and parents will parade with us, where the parade will finish at **3.45pm from Warrior Square Gardens**.

The parade will move from the pier; along the seafront to the Warrior Square Gardens where all the pupils will share in celebrations.

On the day of the parade, we want to be noticed so are asking every pupil (and parents if possible) to wear a purple t-shirt or top and any appropriate bottoms. The pupils can bring bubbles, whistles, musical instruments and face painting would also be fantastic. The pupils are not permitted to wear football shirts. As it is likely to be a warm day, please ensure sun cream is applied at the beginning of the day and your child should have a hat to wear.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the attached consent form and return it by **Monday 25th June 2018**. Should you have any questions regarding this exciting event, please do not hesitate to contact either me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Welch
Principal



University of Brighton

Academies Trust

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Please return consent slip TO MISS COLLINS by Monday 25th June 2018

Child's Name

Child's Class Teacher

I would like my child to take part in the Sky Parade on Saturday 30th June and will attend with my child

Signed Parent/Carer