



15th January 2019

Re: Children's University

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that Wansdyke School has recently re-launched the Children's University (CU) and we would like to encourage you to enrol your child into the scheme. The children were shown a powerpoint demonstrating some of the activities that they can be accredited for in an assembly this morning and met Mary Zlobec-Short who is the leading person at the university.

What is Children's University?

CU is a national scheme that works in partnership with schools to develop children's love of learning through encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. Any child aged 4 – 14 years can join.

How does Children's University work?

Children are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular *Learning Activities* at Children's University validated *Learning Destinations*. These might be school-based clubs, such as after-school or lunchtime clubs, or out-of-school clubs and societies, formal sports activities, Scouting and Guiding groups, museums, libraries or other destinations such as historical sites, parks and outdoor centres.

Every child member will receive a *Passport to Learning*, which they can use to record each Learning Activity that they complete. There is also an *E-passport*, a secure online portal, on which they can record their learning activities and share information and photos with other children in our school.

Your child's achievement and participation will be rewarded with a Children's University Certificate, which will be awarded at a Graduation Ceremony at the end of the school year.



What are the benefits?

Children benefit from Children's University membership in a variety of ways:

- Children gain a real sense of achievement beyond formal education
- Children often achieve better in school having been motivated by something that they succeed at outside of regular lessons
- CU has shown to have a positive effect on behaviour
- CU can provide a vehicle for families to learn together
- CU provides new ideas for exciting places for families to visit

Further info

For further information about the scheme, please visit the Children's University website at <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/about-us/>

Next steps

Membership to the scheme costs £5 per child. To enrol your child into the scheme, please can you pay via Parentpay .Passports will be ordered once payment has been made. DEADLINE 1st February 2019.