



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL LICHFIELD

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Dear Parent/Guardian

October 2018 Visit to Derby – Places of Worship

As part of the upcoming Curriculum Enhancement Days, the RE Department are organising a visit to four different Places of Worship. Year 8 will spend time on either Wednesday 10th October (X Half – 8A1,8C1,8D1,8G1) or Thursday 25th October (Y Half – 8A2,8C2,8D2,8G2) developing their knowledge and understanding of Religious Education. Students will visit a Mandir (Hindu Temple) and a Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) in the morning in Derby and in the afternoon students will visit two different churches in Lichfield (St Michael's and Holy Cross). This visit is part of the school day: forming part of our delivery of the National Curriculum, and helps us to meet the expectation placed on all schools to promote fundamental British values including the tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. All students should take part and it should be pointed out that other religious institutions will be visited at other times while students are studying at King Edward VI School.

In the morning, students should arrive at 8:45 am at the Tennis courts (Bader Gym if wet) to leave school by 9 am and will return to school for lunchtime (around 12:30pm). **All students for this trip should wear school uniform. Everyone must wear trousers and some form of head coverings such as scarves or hats. Hoodies are not acceptable. Girls are able to wear black or blue jeans, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms, or thick black opaque tights or leggings under their skirts.** Pupils will be walking between the places of worship, which are a few hundred yards apart on the same area and should bring a suitable coat to wear. In the afternoon, students should assemble at the Tennis courts at 1:30pm for the visits in Lichfield, again students will be walking to the churches and should wear appropriate clothing. Pupils will be accompanied back to school for 3:35pm.

The programme will give pupils further insight into different types of worship and supplement what they will learn in Year 8 and will support the GCSE which starts in Year 9. It will support the work they have started on their contemplation room and will inform future lessons later in the year on the Gurdwara. The trip is essential in developing the learning of pupils so they can evaluate the different practices and relate these ideas to those of the secular world and their lives.

Although students will have the opportunity to learn about the basics of worship, pupils will not be taking part in worship. There may be an opportunity to explore different practices but there is no obligation for them to take part themselves.

The cost of this visit, including insurance, coach travel, speakers and a small donation to the places of worship is £12.00. Although this is a voluntary payment, without it the trip cannot take place.

If you are in agreement for your child to take part in these activities then the necessary contribution can be made via the ParentPay website www.parentpay.com. If you are unable to access online banking, a cheque can be sent into school made payable to **Staffordshire County Council**.

If you are in agreement for your son/daughter to take part in this visit then I should be grateful if you could either:

- **Make a payment and give consent through www.parentpay.com by Friday 21st September** (you do not need to return a paper consent form)
- OR**
- **Return the attached parental consent form by Friday 21st September with a cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Staffordshire County Council.** This should be returned to Bader Reception in an envelope marked 'For the Attention of Mrs Jetson' and clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group, the date and 'Year 8 Derby visit'.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Garner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Mr R Garner
Head of RE

Mrs Forster
Deputy Headteacher



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**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT
THIS FORM ONLY NEEDS TO BE RETURNED IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING BY PARENTPAY**

1. **Visit to**.....

From **Date**.....**Time**..... To **Date**..... **Time**.....

2. **Medical details.** My son/daughter has the following medical or special needs.

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3. **Dietary details.** My son/daughter has the following dietary needs.

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4. **Insurance.** I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

5. **Transport.** I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

6. **Return to Home.** I understand the predicted time of return and where this is outside normal school hours I will attend to collect my son/daughter or my son/daughter will be returning home by.....

7. **Financial Contribution.** I am making a voluntary contribution of £..... which I either A) have sent via ParentPay, B) enclose

8. **Photographs.** Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or education service promotional information. Please answer Yes or No

I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour

Name of son/daughter Class

Signed..... Date..... Person with Parental Responsibility

ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING BY PARENTPAY TO MRS JETSON, BADER OFFICE OR EMAIL TO: edvisits@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk