



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

7^h September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Curriculum Enhancement Day October 2015 Visit to Derby – Places of Worship

Curriculum enhancement days are a part of school life at King Edward VI School. These days create flexibility for us to look at activities and ideas without interrupting core learning. Year 8 will spend time on one of these days developing their knowledge and understanding of Religious Education. As part of this term's Curriculum Enhancement Day **on Monday 5th October 2015**, the R.E. department have arranged for Year 8 students to visit two different places of worship. These are a Mandir (Hindu Temple) and a Gurdwara (Sikh Temple). 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. Other religious institutions will be visited at other times while students are studying at King Edward VI School.

Students should arrive at 8:45 am in Bader Gym to leave school by 9 am and will return to school for lunchtime (around 1pm). **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.** Pupils will be walking between the places of worship, which are a few hundred yards apart on the same area.

The programme will give pupils further insight into different types of worship and supplement what they will learn in Year 8. 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. This can be done using the login

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details which were sent to you and enables you to give consent online. 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 18th September** (you do not need to return a paper consent form)
OR
- **Return the attached parental consent form by Friday 18th 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,



Mr R Garner
Head of RE



Mrs Forster Deputy Headteacher



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PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT

Please complete this form and return it to the Mrs Jetson, Bader Office

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

7. **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

Once completed please return this form in a sealed envelope to Mrs Jetson in Bader Office. For parents not using the ParentPay facility a cheque made payable to Staffordshire County Council should be included with the form. The envelope should be marked clearly with the name and tutor group of your child and the destination and date of the educational visit.

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