

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 28th February 2019, RE Trip for Y3 and 4 to Derby Faith Trail

As you know, we always try to provide opportunities for pupils to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Pupils have enjoyed visits linked to their learning in history, geography, science and there are opportunities to visit places linked with other subjects such as art and PE. Such visits are valuable in enhancing our school's provision for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and in preparing pupils for life in modern Britain, with its increasingly diverse communities.

The pupils in Year 3 and 4 are currently studying a variety of world faiths in RE as part of the locally Agreed Syllabus (which is the statutory document for RE in maintained schools in Staffordshire). A visit to Derby Faith Trail is a fascinating opportunity for the pupils to get an insight into a modern Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh communities and meet some of the lovely people who live and work there. We will visit a Baptist Church, a Hindu Mandir, a Sikh Gurdwara and an Islamic Mosque.

We hope it will bring pupils' learning to life and allow them to be curious about different faiths. RE is an academic subject. It is taught as an understanding of different religions and beliefs, from an unbiased perspective. In our view, it is an essential part of the curriculum which is becoming more and more important as British society becomes more diverse.

We feel strongly that pupils need a good understanding of different cultures, in order to learn respect for others and practise the values of acceptance, respect and unity. As part of this visit, pupils will **not** be asked to participate in worship, they might see aspects of worship or prayer that might happen during the visit. This visit has been planned by Mrs Hanson, and working in partnership with The Derby Open Centre from the host community.

For this visit, pupils will need to have covered arms and legs and will need a plain (no symbols, images of animals or people) hat or scarf to cover their head in some of the places of worship. These particular dress requirements are an outward token of respect for others' beliefs and sensitivities, and do not signify participation in worship. On previous visits we have also been offered food, fruit and/or sweets. Please ensure your child's class teacher knows of any food allergies. Your child will need a packed lunch and will need a coat as we will be walking between the places of worship.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 to pay for the transport and specialist workshops.

We are really looking forward to this visit which we have done many times before. It will be an enriching and enjoyable experience. Accompanying the children will be Mrs Hanson, Mr Hindhaugh, Miss Wain and Mrs Care. Do come and talk to us if you have any questions, or would like to come on the visit with your child.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Hanson

Visit to Derby Faith Trail

Name Class

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the trip. £12.00 enclosed

Signed Person with parental responsibility.

Food allergies we should be aware of:

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