

5th May 2016

YEAR 5 PUPILS

Dear Parents

I am pleased to announce that we are now in the final stages of planning next year's residential visit to London for our Year 6 pupils.

The trip will be in the Summer term for three days and two nights **Tuesday to Thursday 6th June to 8th June 2017** an estimated cost of £320 per pupil.

This is an ideal opportunity for the class and will enrich the curriculum and social development of all pupils.

The cost includes all activities, visits, transport, bed and breakfast accommodation, packed lunches, evening meals and Insurance. This represents excellent value as we work with our Group Travel provider NST. The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They will work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the best learning experience whilst away.

The Accommodation is The Meininger Hotel, Hyde Park. It is of a high standard and each bedroom is en suite. The adults accompanying the group will be a ratio 1:7 and will include Mrs Cottam, Mrs Flude, Mr Clare and A.N.Other.

In order to secure the booking we need an initial non-returnable deposit of £30.00 by Thursday 26th May 2016. Payments can be made via online banking*:

Sort Code 40-35-29
Account No. 71600702

* Please reference your transaction with your child's surname

Once the deposits have been received and the trip secured we will inform you of dates when subsequent payments must be made by. Further payments can be made on account and Mrs Golding will provide payment cards with which to keep a record – it would be of assistance if this could be sent with all payments.

There will be a parents' meeting and presentation on **Thursday 12th May 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for any queries and to hear further details of the activities and accommodation. An information leaflet will also be circulated. Please do your best to attend this meeting.

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During the visit, the participating school staff members will have legal responsibility for your son/daughter of a kind which is well established in the English legal system.

Exactly how this law is applied in a particular set of circumstances is always a matter for the courts and this notice cannot be taken as a definitive statement of the law. However, in broad terms, it means two things.

First, the staff will apply their skills and experience as teachers and responsible adults in supervising your son/daughter to protect them against risks to their health and safety as members of the school group, with all the appropriate professional and adult concern for your son/daughter's well-being in the group. The staff will operate within the guidelines approved and issued by government departments and other advisory agencies consistent with the realities of any situation that may be encountered.

That is not of course a 100% safety guarantee. It is, however, a professional parallel, applicable to the circumstances of a school visit, to that standard of care that any responsible parent would demonstrate for his or her children's own safety.

Second, throughout the visit, the staff members will have authority to supervise, direct and instruct your son/daughter to the full extent they consider necessary for their own protection and the protection of others. They will, of course, show respect for your expressed wishes, particularly in relation to the need for medical treatment arising during the visit, but their overriding duty at all times has to be the health, safety and welfare of your son/daughter acting, where necessary, on such qualified medical or other advice as may be given.

If during the course of the next year, the behaviour of any child gives us cause for concern, leading to the belief that their actions may cause a risk of safety to either themselves, or others, then that child – following consultation with the Headteacher and the parents, will not be allowed to attend. Any deposit paid will then be forfeited.

Please be aware that deposits paid are non-returnable. Should for any reason your child not be able to take their place then the money will not be returnable.

If your child is unable to take their place after the final payment has been made there are various booking conditions/cancellation fees that are applied depending upon how far from the actual visit cancellation is made.

We hope all pupils will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely

F. Cottam

AUGHTON ST MICHAEL'S C.E. SCHOOL

Residential Educational Visit
London 6th June–8th June 2017

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY 26th MAY 2016
WITH YOUR INITIAL DEPOSIT

NAME OF PUPIL

I have read the contents of the London 2017 letter

I enclose £30.00 deposit for the 2017 trip to London

Signed Parent/Guardian