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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Year 5/6 trip 'Faith Tour' - Wednesday 27th November 2019

In order to support and enhance the children's learning of RE and other religions and practices, we have planned a programme of activities which will focus on three local faith communities and their places of worship in Queens Park, Bedford.

Each part of this 'Faith Tour' will include an informative presentation and tour of the place of worship, led by a member of that faith community; children will not be asked to participate in worship. The pupils will spend time at All Saint's Parish Church, Jamia Masjid Gulshane Baghdad Mosque and Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

To show respect to the different faith communities, children will need to bring a **strictly vegetarian (no meat, fish or eggs)** packed lunch, and also a **headscarf**. This has been relayed to the kitchen for packed lunch options. All children will need to bring a water bottle from home as this is not provided with school lunch.

Packed Lunch

If you have booked your child to receive a hot school meal on this date and you wish your child to receive a packed lunch provided by the kitchen, **please complete the attached lunch order form and return to the school office by Wednesday 20th November**. If, however, you wish to provide a packed lunch prepared from home, please remember to cancel your hot school meal booked for this date via your ParentPay account to avoid being charged for a meal you no longer require. **PLEASE REMEMBER PACKED LUNCHES PREPARED FROM HOME MUST BE STRICTLY VEGETARIAN.**

If you have not booked a hot school meal on ParentPay for the day of your trip and you return a lunch order form requesting the kitchen to provide your child with a packed lunch on this day, we will charge your ParentPay account accordingly.

These tours have been operating successfully since 2008. If you would like further information, please visit the Faith in Queen's Park website www.faithinquenspark.org.uk

The children are required to wear their normal **school uniform** for the duration of the trip. **The cost of the visit is £9.50 per child. You are not obliged to pay, but if we do not have enough contributions the visit may have to be cancelled. Please pay via your parentpay account by Wednesday 20th November ensuring you tick the 'Consent' box when making your payment.**

We will be leaving school shortly after 9am and will return at approximately 2.15pm, so the children will go home as usual at the end of the school day.

Parent Volunteers needed

We will be able to have a small number of parent helpers. If you are able to help, **please email the office by Wednesday 20th November**. If we have an overwhelming response, **we shall draw names out of a hat and we will contact you if you have been chosen.**

Annual Medical Consent Forms for School Visits

Please ensure you have completed and returned your annual medical consent form to the office. Parents who have not yet done this, will have been sent a reminder by text message and paper copies given via your child. For those parents that have completed and returned their forms, please confirm via email if there have been any changes to this form

Many thanks,

Mrs Jessica Underwood (Née Beech)
Assistant Headteacher

