

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 8 Visit to London June 2024

Please find below further details for the visit to London on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

#### Departure on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

The coach will be leaving Ryecroft at 9:15am and would ask that pupils arrive at the school **no later than 8:45am**.

#### Return on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Pick up time from Ryecroft on Friday is **7:30pm**. However, due to the unpredictability of the traffic, if it appears that we will be earlier or later by 30 minutes or more, we will endeavour to contact you via the SchoolComms text messaging system.

#### Contact Numbers

Should you need to contact the visit leader during normal school hours, I would kindly ask that you contact the school office in the first instance.

School Office: 01889 590394

In the case of out-of-hours emergencies the Business Manager, or Headteacher can be contacted on the following emails: [office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk) or [headteacher@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk)

Pupils will be provided with a card prior to departure with the above details and the School mobile number, which the visit leader will have for use in an emergency.

You should have received a link via SchoolComms requesting details of our child's mobile phone, if they are taking one. These details will only be used in cases of emergency, the documents with the contact details will be destroyed on return to school.

#### Itinerary

As part of the visit, we will be visiting the Science Museum; watching an evening performance of Sister Act at the Dominion Theatre, a trip on the London Eye, and a sightseeing boat trip along the River Thames. A full itinerary, with approximate departure and return times is on the last page of this letter.

#### Dress

Pupils are not required to wear school uniform. However, we would remind pupils that they are representatives of the School and request that appropriate, casual clothes and sensible shoes be worn, as there is **a lot of walking** involved. Please check the weather forecast for London on the day prior to departure so that appropriate clothing is packed.

## Cameras and Mobile Phones

Pupils may bring a camera and mobile phone (at their own risk); however they should be aware that photography is not permitted in some of the venues we are visiting. Mobile phones must be switched off before the Theatre visit. **We would ask that pupils ensure that they have sufficient charge and credit on their phones to enable the making and receiving of calls.**

## Food

Pupils will need a packed lunch for the first day (no glass bottles, cans, nuts or chewing gum). We would ask that you ensure that your child has a water bottle and plenty of drink for the journey.

On the Thursday evening we will be eating at Pizza Express prior to our theatre show; breakfast and a packed lunch will be provided on the Friday – all dietary requirements have been passed to the restaurant/caterers. The cost of these meals is included.

Your son/daughter needs to ensure that they have sufficient money to purchase any additional light snacks and drinks they may require and for a snack meal when we stop at a service station on the return journey on Friday.

## Pocket Money

As detailed above, we plan to stop at a service station during the journey to and from London so that pupils can purchase additional snacks and drink as necessary. There are also shops at the various venues where pupils may wish to purchase souvenirs. They may also wish to purchase a programme at the theatre. I suggest an amount of approximately £40.00 will be sufficient.

## Medical needs

If your child needs to take any medication with them, can you please ensure that this is clearly labelled with their name and is handed to Mrs Bannister on the day of departure, unless your child is able to self-medicate.

## Behaviour

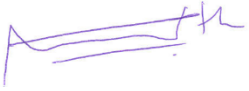
During our stay in London, as well as on the journey, it is important to have a code of behaviour which is fair and which will allow staff to apply the necessary discipline to maintain order and organisation in a pleasant manner. This is particularly relevant to their conduct while at the hotel, where there will be other paying guests staying. Respect and consideration are key to this. If all students remain respectful and considerate, then our visit should be enjoyable for everyone.

All those attending the trip should have read and signed the **Behaviour Agreement prior to departure**. Failure to do so will result in your child not being permitted to go on the visit.

The behaviour during previous visits to London has been extremely good and received positive comments from staff at the various venues we visited. If pupils follow the Behaviour Agreement then I'm certain that the visit will be an enjoyable, educational experience.

I will be getting pupils together on a number of occasions prior to departure, to provide further information about the arrangements for the visit, however if you should have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



Matt Hall  
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**TOUR ITINERARY - Ryecroft C.E. Middle School**  
**Visit to London: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

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<b>ACCOMMODATION DETAILS</b>	<b>Premier Inn Hendon (The Hyde)</b> Hyde House Hendon, London NW9 6LH

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

09.00	Meet at school, luggage to be loaded onto the coach
09.15	Depart school for London.
13.00	Approximate arrival in London, group to proceed to the Science Museum.
13.15	Confirmed visit to the <b>Science Museum</b> . Address: Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London,
17.00	<b>Pizza Express London Coptic Street</b> Address: 30 Coptic Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1A 1NS
19.30	Arrive at the <b>Dominion Theatre</b> , 268-269 Tottenham Ct Rd, London, for the evening performance of <b>Sister Act</b>
21.50	Performance ends.
22.00	Meet the coach and proceed to the hotel.
23.00	Approximate arrival at the hotel. Check in at <b>Premier Inn Hendon (The Hyde)</b> for 1 night bed and breakfast accommodation.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

08.30	Packed lunches will be delivered to the hotel this morning.
	Breakfast at the hotel.
AM	Check out of hotel after breakfast. Load luggage on to the coach and proceed to central London.
12.15	<b>London Eye</b> - Address: London SE1 7PB
13.45	<b>River Cruise</b> - Departing from The London Eye pier  You will be taken on route to see the House of Parliament, though to The Tower of London and Tower Bridge, where you will return back to The London Eye Pier.
15.30	Re-join the coach for the journey back to school.
19:30	Approximate arrival back to School