

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In Year 6 as part of the RE curriculum pupils learn about different religions and world views. The learning is linked to the Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. In addition to this, it also supports the children's learning on 'Promoting British Values' through showing *tolerance* and *mutual respect*.

As part of our learning at school, on **Tuesday 4th March 2025** we have arranged a visit to the Open Centre in Derby. Whilst the children are at the Open Centre they will have the opportunity to visit some local places of worship. We will be visiting the Mosque, the Hindu Temple and the Sikh Gurdwara. We believe that it is increasingly important that pupils have an understanding of the diversity of religious traditions, practices and forms of worship found in our country.

Please be assured that under no circumstances will children be asked to participate in any aspect of worship, or be required to compromise their own faith or beliefs during this study visit.

Whilst there, the children will listen to a brief talk centred on their learning and take part in some interactive activities. This will help the children to learn about different faiths and cultures through a personal experience, which we feel, as a school is a necessity in today's modern society.

We would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£13.50** towards entrance fee and activities, however, if enough contributions are not made, the visit may not be viable and may be cancelled.

To confirm a place for your child, please complete the online consent and behaviour forms by clicking on either the below links or QR codes, along with a non-refundable payment of £13.50, paid via the Arbor App/Portal by **Monday 10th February 2025 at the very latest**.

Consent Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MfD7aYBVUa> or



Behaviour Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/aV9QNiCX7h> or



On the day, please ensure your child arrives at school on time, wearing sensible footwear and a coat, as we will be walking from one place to the other after travelling from school by coach. They will also need to bring a packed lunch. If your child receives free school meals and would like a school packed lunch, please ask your child to inform the school kitchen, by **Friday 14th February 2025**.



RYECROFT
C.E. MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ryecroft C.E. Middle School
Ashbourne Road
Rocester
ST14 5PB

Headteacher: Mrs A Grattage
Telephone: 01889 590394
Email: office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk
Website: www.ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk

"Loving and Learning together."

Pupils attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour is judged unacceptable may be excluded, or required to return home early and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of their parents.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for School Visits by visiting our website by copying and pasting the link below into your search engine: <https://www.ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk/parents---carers/terms-and-conditions-for-school-visits> By signing up to this visit, you are agreeing to the terms outlined.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Twynham
Lead for French & Religious Education

