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Dear Year 7 Parents/Guardians

As you will no doubt have heard by now, a short residential time away from school has become a very valuable addition to the Year 7 programme at All Saints. We have managed with the co-operation from parents, to take most students away for two days each year for many years now. Students stay in the Youth Hostel at Osmotherley. During this time together bonds are forged between students, staff and chaplaincy team in a way that cannot be accomplished in school. We hope you will continue to support this venture this year.

Dates: The dates for the trip are as follows:

- 1) 7BE, 7CL & 7JB - Monday to Wednesday 22 - 24 June 2020
- 2) 7FR & 7RO - Wednesday to Friday 24 - 26 June 2020

The Venue: Osmotherley Youth Hostel in the North York Moors National Park with visits to Whitby including Whitby Abbey, a boat trip and a pilgrimage to the Lady Chapel at Mount Grace.

The Cost: Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988, the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions and the Governors have authorised me to do so. May I ask you, therefore, if you would be willing, to make a voluntary contribution of **£146.00** towards the cost of the activity; this includes admission /hostel costs/travel insurance/transport etc.

The school actively strives to minimise the cost of these trips and we do acknowledge that there are a lot of families who may be struggling financially. These voluntary donations are very important for the school to be able to run these type of trips.

The stark situation is that if the school does not receive enough voluntary contributions for trips like this, the school will eventually have to take the very unfortunate decision to cancel the whole trip. While we will only do this as a last resort, due to the financial climate in regard to educational funding, the school simply cannot afford to provide any more assistance in the subsidisation of the cost.

While we cannot formally request or demand any payment, we do actively ask that if Parents / Guardians can afford to help, they do so. No child will be singled out and miss out any trips but these voluntary donations are an integral part of the funding of these trips.



Compassion



Truth



Respect



Forgiveness



Justice



Service



Gentleness



Humility



Stewardship

Payments should be made as follows:

A non-refundable deposit of £50.00 by 21 November 2019

2nd payment of £ 50.00 by 13 February 2020

3rd payment £ 46.00 by 3 April 2020.

Whilst legally no student can be excluded if his or her parent does not make this contribution, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the activity will not take place.

If you wish your son/ daughter to take part, please arrange to make an initial **non-refundable deposit of £ 50.00** via your ParentPay account **no later than 21 November 2019**. Alternatively, if you would prefer to pay via a Paypoint account, please contact Mrs A Baxter on a.baxter@allsaints.york.sch.uk to request a barcode. Unless stated otherwise, please note **all payments are non-refundable**.

We will endeavour to provide a place to all students who express an interest.

Students in 7BE, 7JB, 7CL, 7FR and 7RO not participating in the residential trip to Osmotherley will be given the opportunity to join with their forms in Whitby for the day on Wednesday 24 June 2020.

If there are any problems you may have regarding payment please do not hesitate to get in touch with me in confidence. We would ask that all payments are made by either Parentpay or Paypoint for security reasons.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L McCormick

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