

EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND TRIPS - GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Introduction

It is established policy at St. Michael's that education is not just something that happens in the classroom. There are extensive opportunities for children including outings and visits, participation in competitions and workshops, visiting speakers and theatre groups, and in-house events such as history themed days, or global learning as well as residential trips in Y2, 4, 7 & 8, including trips such as the Jersey Tour and the French Trip. Education outside the classroom should be an integrated means of extending and enriching pupils. It is absolutely at the heart of what we believe and what we do.

Across the school we aim to have a balance between sporting, musical, drama, art, and history, etc. events. All events are relevant and appropriate to the age group and to the topics studied in the classroom. All events are well planned and safe. The children are well prepared. There is follow-up work by the children and evaluation by the staff.

Information on Planned Trips and Activities

The school calendar lists the trips and visits that are due to take place over the coming term, together with a list of planned home and away sports fixtures. You will always be notified in advance:

If your child has been selected for a sports team, and will be given a list of fixtures. We very much welcome family and friends at all our matches, both home and away.

If your child is going to be out of school during the school day in order to visit a local museum, theatre, nature reserve or historic site we will always inform you. The information will clarify if the visit involves an extra charge, late return to school or collection from another place, such as a theatre or train station. Parents are encouraged to look carefully at communications from school about trips. For all but residential trips consent is given at the time your child joins the school.

Most residential trips connect to the curriculum and some give pupils a chance to bond, take risks, experience challenge and success and learn to be independent of parents. You will be told well in advance and invited into the school for a full briefing before your child departs on a trip or visit that involves an overnight stay, either in the UK or overseas.

Consent

We require your specific, written consent if we are to take your child on a trip or visit that involves an overnight stay, collection from a different venue or is an overseas visit. Additional consent forms are required for all residential trips

Safety

Safety is top priority for us. We expect you to support the school in ensuring that your child follows the instructions given either by a member of staff, by staff at the venue or by a qualified instructor, and to use the proper equipment safely. We reserve the right to send any pupil home early at their parents' expense, if they decline to follow reasonable instructions given for their own safety, or do not follow the school's behaviour code. Trips run by staff at St Michael's involve a huge amount of planning and care and we regularly receive incredibly positive feedback about the engagement, manners and behaviour of pupils from St Michael's.