



Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, Macclesfield**

I am writing to tell you about a forthcoming visit to which your son/daughter is invited to attend on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. The venue for this visit is Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, Macclesfield, SK11 9DL. The day will support their Science studies, in particular the unit on the Earth, Sun and Moon. The pupils will participate in two hands-on and engaging workshops, exploring a variety of scientific concepts, each linked to the Solar System.

They will work in teams to: explore the strength of gravity on different planets; investigate the brightness of sunlight throughout the Solar System; discover how craters are formed and perform a series of tests in order to identify a real meteorite. Pupils will also learn about British astronaut Tim Peake and his mission to the International Space Station. They will learn some of the key skills needed to be not only an astronaut, but a scientist or engineer working in the space industry.

The coach will leave school at 8.45. We will be back at school by 15:30. The party will number forty pupils. The visit will be led by the onsite instructors with assistance from myself, Miss Pearson, Miss Presho, Miss Iqbal and two additional adult helpers. We will be with the pupils for the entirety of the day. The risks associated with the visit have been assessed in accordance with school policy. During the visit normal school rules regarding acceptable conduct and behaviour will apply, this includes wearing school uniform for the trip.

**Due to the requirements of 1:7 ratio of adults:children, we will need an additional two adult helpers. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support as a volunteer to accompany us on this trip. Please indicate your availability on the attached reply slip.**

I will be taking the school's mobile phone (07957 700 045) with me for use in case of an emergency. Mrs O'Donoghue will act as the emergency contact at school and can be contacted on 01254 686300.

A charge of approximately £16.30 is being made for the visit. This will be available for you to view and pay via your Scopay account in due course. A school packed meal will be provided. In addition, I would advise your son/daughter to bring a bottle of water and a warm coat. The children should not bring any other food or drink.

In cases of hardship it may, under certain strict conditions, be possible for the school to subsidise the trip, but this will mean that personal financial information would be required. If you wish to discuss this, please contact me as a matter of urgency.

Hopefully this letter provides the information you need. If you require any further information, please contact me at school. If you wish your son/daughter to go on the visit, please return the attached consent form to me via your son/daughter no later than Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Rashid'.

Miss A Rashid  
Year 5 Form Teacher

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**Please detach, complete and return this form to your child's Form Teacher by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

1. I consent to:
  - my son/daughter participating in the visit to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May;
  - The charge of approximately £16.30 being added to our Scopay account.
2. I am able/unable (delete as appropriate) to accompany the trip as a volunteer.

Pupil's name:.....Pupil's form: .....

Name (parent/guardian).....

Signature (parent/guardian).....