



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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TRIP312 THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER – JANUARY 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

We have organised visits for Year 7 to The New Vic Theatre, Stoke on Trent, on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th January 2020 to see a performance of 'The Prince and the Pauper.' This trip will be followed up in English lessons. Therefore, we are keen that all students go as it is an important element of the curriculum in Year 7.

7B, 7C, 7L and 7R will go on Thursday 16th January
7E, 7N, 7S and 7U will go on Friday 17th January

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£18.00** towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we shall not be able to run the trip out of school funds. However, the school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please discuss this with me in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the School fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system by **8th November 2019**. When payment is made using ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete a reply slip to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter. [Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcode letter is required for all other payments, i.e. trips/events; technology costs etc.]

*If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you wish them to be **considered** for financial support for this trip/resource, then please tick the box on the reply slip and return to Mrs Holding in E10. We will inform you of any support we are able to offer at the earliest opportunity.*



In the interests of legality and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action.

When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

They should need no more than £5 spending money for snacks and a programme. School uniform should be worn. We will depart from school at **8.45am** for a 10.30am performance and return at approx. 2.30pm. Students will go to normal lessons for the afternoon.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs L Holding
Faculty of English

Payment and permission for this trip should be made via Parent Pay on the school website.

Only complete this reply slip if you wish to pay via PayPoint/Pupil Premium

Please return to Mrs Holding in E10

TRIP312 Year 7 visit to The Prince and the Pauper 2020

Student Name:

Form:

Please **email/post** a barcoded letter to enable me to pay the amount of **£18.00** via PayPoint by **8th November 2019**

Email Address.....

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

Pupil Premium funding request

Signature: _____

Parent/Carer