



5 March 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

Year 10 Activities Day Trip, Thorpe Park

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to take part in the Thorpe Park activities day trip on Wednesday 10 July 2019. The group will be led by me, Mr Durrance and I will also be accompanied by the year 10 form tutors. The total cost is £33.00 per student which includes coach travel and entrance to the park.

Coaches will depart from St Martin's at 8.30am and we expect to return to school at approximately 5.30pm. There will be no school buses running at this time so alternative arrangements will need to be made for those students who normally use this service to get home. Please do not park in the pink bays as this will delay the coaches from being able to enter the school.

Lunch will not be provided so students should either bring a packed lunch or purchase their lunch at one of the food outlets at Thorpe Park. However, students eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch so please let Mrs Blake know if you require this. Students do not have to wear school uniform, but will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Students will be allowed to access most rides and facilities in the park subject to health and safety restrictions, such as height. There will be certain times when students are allowed free time. At these times they may be permitted to wander more freely, but in small groups no less than four, around easily defined areas throughout the theme park, indicated by a map which will be given to individual students. Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined area or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit although staff will remain within the designated areas and will be available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they become separated at any time. Students must report back to the designated base area at the specified times for registration.

If you are interested in your son or daughter participating, please fill in the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements and return to the finance office by Thursday 4 April 2019. All payments must be made via ParentPay.

For students not wishing to attend this trip, lessons will be timetabled within normal school hours and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238300 or email: rdurrance@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

R Durrance
Head of Year 10