



# Brine Leas School

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## Re: Visit to Places of Worship

Dear Parent / Carer,

As part of offering a broad and balanced curriculum we take Year 8 students to places of worship in order for them to gain valuable insight into the lives of people who follow the religions that we study in KS3.

This may be one of very few opportunities to visit places of worship. Whilst on the visit students will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the features of the place of worship as well as the practises that happen there. This will allow them to challenge their preconceptions of the different faiths that we will visit throughout the day.

In order for the places of worship to accommodate the visits they will be held on 4 different dates, these are:

Visit 1: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 8y/RE1 & 8y/RE4

Visit 2: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 8y/RE2 & 8y/RE3

Visit 3: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 8z/RE3 & 8z/RE4

Visit 4: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 8z/RE1 & 8z/RE2

Due to health and safety, there would not be an opportunity to go on any alternative day than the one for your child's class.

We have included visits to places of worship on our curriculum as they are an essential tool in helping students gain insight about lives of religious followers within our multicultural society. We are kindly asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the visit. However, if there are insufficient contributions received the school may have to decide whether the visit can continue to take place.

If your child would like to take part, please make your contribution by logging onto WisePay. This is accessed through the link on the school website; please contact [finance@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:finance@brineleas.co.uk) if you do not have your login details or have any questions about making a payment.

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals assistance is available funded by the school to cover the contribution, please choose the FSM option on WisePay.

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*It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a child from attending a school visit, therefore, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw on the above number and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.*

Please can you also complete the Form C on the link which will be sent to you via email and return as per the instructions at the bottom of the form? Please note without this form your child will be unable to take part in this visit. The deadline for this is no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Transport used**

The transport for the day will be in the form of coach from Brine Leas School travelling to the City Centre Mosque in Hanley and then on to St Mary's Church in Nantwich.

### **Type of supervision in place**

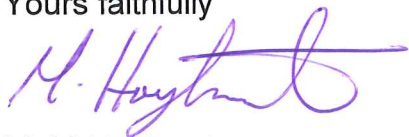
The visits will be supervised by Brine Leas School staff and students will be accompanied at all times during the tours of the different places of worship visited.

### **Expected behaviour and uniform**

All students will need to bring a packed lunch – there will be no opportunity during the day to purchase lunch. However If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch can be provided by the school canteen. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch please confirm on WisePay.

This is an extra ordinary visit and whilst students are required to wear their school uniform, we must also ensure that everyone is wearing the correct clothing in line with the etiquette of the Mosque, therefore the Girls must have their legs covered by either wearing tights or trousers and of course all students are expected to act in an appropriate manor when visiting these sacred buildings. On the day of the visit students will be briefed about how they are expected to act before setting off.

Yours faithfully



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