



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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14th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

London Visit June 2023

Please find below further details for the visit to London on 29th and 30th June 2023.

Departure on Thursday 29th June

The coach will be leaving Ryecroft at 9:00am and would ask that pupils arrive at the school **no later than 8:45am.**

Return on Friday 30th June

Pick up time from Ryecroft on Friday is **7:30pm.** However, due to the unpredictability of the traffic, if it appears that we will be earlier or later by 30 minutes or more, we will endeavour to contact you via the SchoolComms text messaging system.

Contact Numbers

Should you need to contact the visit leader during normal school hours, I would kindly ask that you contact the school office in the first instance.

School Office: 01889 590394

In the case of out-of-hours emergencies the School Office or Headteacher can be contacted on the following emails: office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk or headteacher@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk

Pupils will be provided with a card prior to departure with the above details and the School mobile number which the visit leader will have for use in an emergency.

If your child is taking their mobile phone with them on the visit, we will ask that they provide the school with their mobile number, prior to departure. These will only be used in cases of emergency, the documents with the contact details will be destroyed on return to school.

Itinerary

As part of the visit we will be visiting the Science Museum; watching an evening performance of *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre, a trip on the London Eye, and a sightseeing boat trip along the River Thames. A full itinerary, with approximate departure and return times is attached.

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Dress

Pupils are not required to wear school uniform. However, we would remind pupils that they are representatives of the School and request that appropriate, casual clothes and sensible shoes be worn, as there is **a lot of walking** involved. Please check the weather forecast for London on the day prior to departure so that appropriate clothing is packed.

Cameras and Mobile Phones

Pupils may bring a camera and mobile phone (at their own risk); however they should be aware that photography is not permitted in some of the venues we are visiting. Mobile phones must be switched off before the Theatre visit. **We would ask that pupils ensure that they have sufficient charge and credit on their phones to enable the making and receiving of calls.**

Food

Pupils will need a packed lunch for the first day (no glass bottles, cans or chewing gum). We would ask that you ensure that your child has a water bottle and plenty of drink for the journey.

On the Thursday evening we will be eating at Café Rouge prior to our theatre show; breakfast and a packed lunch will be provided on the Friday – all dietary requirements have been pasted to the restaurant/caterers. The cost of these meal is included.

Your son/daughter needs to ensure that they have sufficient money to purchase any additional light snacks and drinks they may require and for a snack meal when we stop at a service station on the return journey on Friday.

Pocket Money

As detailed above we plan to stop at a service station during the journey to and from London so that pupils can purchase additional snacks and drink as necessary. There are also shops at the various venues we will be visiting where pupils may wish to purchase souvenirs. They may also wish to purchase a programme at the theatre. I suggest an amount of approximately £40.00 will be sufficient.

Medical needs

If your child needs to take any medication with them, can you please ensure that this is clearly labelled with their name and is handed to Mrs Hurdman on the day of departure, unless your child is able to self-medicate.

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Behaviour

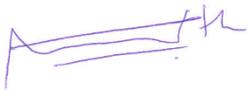
During our stay in London, as well as on the journey, it is important to have a code of behaviour which is fair and which will allow staff to apply the necessary discipline to maintain order and organisation in a pleasant manner. This is particularly relevant to their conduct while at the hotel, where there will be other paying guests staying. Respect and consideration are key to this. If all students remain respectful and considerate, then our visit should be enjoyable for everyone.

I would appreciate it if both you and your child read and sign the **Behaviour Agreement** by clicking on <https://forms.office.com/e/7HLeWUBFcj> no later than **Friday 23rd June**. Failure to do so will result in your child not being permitted to go on the visit.

The behaviour during previous visits to London has been extremely good and received positive comments from staff at the various venues we visited. If pupils follow the Behaviour Agreement then I'm certain that the visit will be an enjoyable, educational experience.

I will be getting pupils together on a number of occasions prior to departure, to provide further information about the arrangements for the visit, however if you should have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Hall
Deputy Headteacher/DSL

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LONDON 2023 ITINERARY

SCHOOL: Ryecroft CE Middle School

GROUP LEADER: Mr M Hall

HOTEL: Premier Inn T2/TS, Bath Road, London Heathrow Airport Heathrow, TW6 2AB.

Day One: Thursday 29th June 2023

0900hrs Coach departs from school – stopping for comfort break and packed lunch.

1315hrs Arrive at Science Museum, South Kensington London. Lunch followed by visit to museum.
Subject to time: sight-seeing walk to visit Hyde Park; Albert hall and Albert Memorial

17:30hrs Evening Meal at Café Rouge (pupils have pre-ordered their meal choice)

1930hrs Evening performance of Disney's The Lion King at The Lyceum Theatre

2200hrs Show finishes, meet coach and transfer back to hotel

23:30hrs approx. Arrive and book into hotel.

Day Two: Friday 30th June 2023

0900hrs After breakfast, check out of hotel, meet coach and transfer to Central London for sight seeing

1100hrs Arrive at South Bank, sightseeing in the Houses of Parliament, London Eye area.

1200hrs Ride on London Eye

1305hrs Arrive Westminster Pier for Thames River Cruise

1400hrs Sightseeing around Tower of London and Tower Bridge (Packed lunch provided)

1500hrs Meet coach and begin return journey – stopping at services for light meal

1915hrs approx. Arrive back at Ryecroft.

Please note that timings are approximate and subject to change.