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Dear Parent/Carer

Y5 and Y6 VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, LONDON

THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2024

As part of our development of the children's all round education and investigating British Values we have been able to arrange a visit to the Houses of Parliament in London along with workshops. This is a real privilege to see how democracy works from the seat of Government.

The children will participate in a workshop entitled 'Making Laws'. This is an interactive workshop where, in groups, the children will have to decide on and debate a law they want to put forward. This will be followed by a 75 minute tour of the Houses of Parliament, including St Stephen's Hall, where the original parliament was held.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

- Children to be at school no later than 6:45 am.
- Coach leaving St Peter's at 7:00 am.
- Arrive at Houses of Parliament, London 10:15 am.
- Tour and Workshop.
- Visit to Parliament Square and Downing Street.
- Leave London approximately 2:30 pm.
- Return to St Peter's approximately between 6:00 pm (an in-app message will be sent to update you of our expected arrival time).

The children will need to:

- Wear school uniform & a coat
- Bring a packed lunch. This should include a plastic bottle of water and snacks for both morning and afternoon.

As with all visits, we continually update our risk assessments. In particular, with this visit we have the risk assessments from the Houses of Parliament directly. In terms of security, there is airport style security we will have to undergo in order to gain entry as do all persons and vehicles entering the building.

As photos are not to be taken within the Houses of Parliament, no cameras are allowed. Your child will be in a small group accompanied by a member of staff.

Half the cost of the coach transport is being subsidised by the House of Parliament and the other half has been subsidised generously by a donation from Edmonds and Coles Scholarships Charity, meaning this is a fully funded trip for your child/ren and no cost to you. In order for your child to participate in the visit please consent through the Arbor Portal/App, under trips, no later than **FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023**.

Yours sincerely

Mr Baykaa-Murray

Year 5 Teacher

Miss McKenzie

Year 5 Teacher

Mrs Grotzke

Year 6 Teacher