



Dear Parents and Carers,

9th May 2019

As you know, we always try to provide opportunities for pupils to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Visits are valuable in enhancing our school's provision for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and in preparing pupils for life in modern Britain, with its increasingly diverse communities.

The pupils in Year 5 are going to be studying Islam across the Summer term as part of the locally Agreed Syllabus (which is the statutory document for RE). A visit to Leeds Grand Mosque on **Tuesday 25th June 2019** is a fascinating opportunity for the pupils to get an insight into a modern Muslim community and meet some of the lovely people who live and work there. We hope it will bring pupils' learning to life and allow them to be curious about the faith and its practices.

RE is an academic subject. It is taught as an understanding of different religions and beliefs, from an unbiased perspective. In our view it is an essential part of the curriculum which is becoming more and more important as British society becomes more diverse. We feel strongly that pupils need a good understanding of different cultures, in order to learn respect for others and practise the values of acceptance, respect and unity. As part of this visit, pupils will **not** be asked to participate in worship, they might watch any worship or prayer that might happen during the visit. This visit has been planned by your child's teacher, who is leading the visit and working in partnership with Nabilah Karim from the host community.

The cost of transport for the trip will be £3.50 and we would prefer payment to be made using the Parentpay system. Whilst we completely understand that this is a voluntary contribution we would like to encourage parents to be able to help us out. If we find that we are unable to get enough funds for these trips we will not be able to offer them in the future.

Please sign and return the attached reply slip. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher. If you would like to help on the trip, please email: info@manstonstjames.co.uk and we will be in touch.

We are really looking forward to this visit, and have been working closely with Nabilah Karim to plan an enriching and enjoyable experience. Do come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns, or would like to come on the visit with your child.





Through the light of God we grow

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Yours sincerely

Mr Wilkie, Mr McCarthy and Mrs Griffin

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Reply

To: Class Teacher

I give permission for (child's name)

_____ to attend the visit to the Leeds
Grand Mosque.

I have paid £3.50 by Parentpay []

I enclose £3.50 cash []

Signed _____ Date _____

