



Dear Parents and Carers,

17 May 2019

As you know, we always try to provide opportunities for pupils to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Pupils have previously enjoyed visits linked to their learning in English so far this year, and there are opportunities to visit places linked with other subjects. Such 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 2 are going to be studying Judaism in RE in Summer 2 as part of the locally Agreed Syllabus (which is the statutory document for RE). A morning visit to The Sinai Synagogue on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** is a fascinating opportunity for the pupils to get an insight into a modern Jewish community and meet some of the people who live and work there, including Carol and Gwynneth who will be showing us round. 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 Carol and Gwynneth from the host community.

The cost of transport for the trip will be **£6** and we would prefer payment to be made using the Parentpay system.

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](mailto:info@manstonstjames.co.uk) and we will be in touch.

We are really looking forward to this visit, and have been working closely with Carol and Gwynneth 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.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Gatman





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Reply

To: Mr Gatman

I give permission for (child's name)

\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the visit to the Sinai  
Synagogue.

I have paid £6 by Parentpay [    ]

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

