

12th September, 2023
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TRIPS AND WALKS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Dear Parent / Carer,

One of our key school improvement targets this academic year is to:

*"Provide children with more opportunities for Derby-based **enrichment experiences** so that they have a greater understanding of their local community and can contribute positively to society through being an active citizen."*

Outdoor learning, off-site visits and learning outside the classroom are an integral part of the entitlement of every child to an effective and balanced curriculum. Learning outside the classroom is known to enhance learning, improve attainment, deepen subject learning, increase self-confidence and develop risk awareness. This is why we as school we are committing ourselves to increasing the number of trips, outings and walks that our children are experiencing in and around Normanton, Derby and Derby City Centre.

Here are some of the frequently used local places and venues that we have identified:

Normanton Park	Arboretum Park	Florence Nightingale Statue	St Augustine's Church	Normanton Library
Super Sam's	Hannah's Fields	Derby Museum of Making	Derby Museum and Art Gallery	Derbion Shopping Centre

As we aim to plan for more outdoor learning opportunities, as outlined in the DDAT Educational Visits Policy, we will no longer be sending out individual trip letters or seek written parent consent for trips, walks and outings in our local area. Going forward, we will be updating our induction paperwork to obtain parent consent for local trips.

Class teachers will notify you in advance of any planned local trips/outings via Class Dojo. Dates will also be saved on the school's calendar. As outlined in our policy, all local trips, walks and outings will have been risk assessed following health and safety guidelines.

We will continue to notify you in writing and gain written consent for any planned trips outside of the local community and involving transport e.g. Twycross Zoo.

Please can I kindly request that you complete and return the permission slip below. We require all permission slips back by Friday, 22nd September, 2023.

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach and Mrs. K Morley
Co-Headteachers

Please note:

The DDAT Educational Visits Policy which outlines our trips safety measures, including risk assessment procedures, can be viewed here:

http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website/school_policies/488612#

Our school calendar can be viewed here:
<http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website/calendar/257401>

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Name of child: Class:

- ✓ I give permission for my child to take part in trips, walks and outdoor learning experiences in the local community (*Normanton, Derby and Derby City Centre*)
- ✓ I understand that I will be notified of planned visits to the local community in advance via Class Dojo
- ✓ I understand that dates for planned visits will be made available on the school calendar

Signed by parent/guardian: Date:

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