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Date: 18th November 2025

Re: Birmingham Christmas Markets Trip

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the trip to the Birmingham Christmas markets is getting closer, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you with some essential information. I will be meeting with the students closer to the date, to go through the plans with them. However, if you could also pass this information on, it would be much appreciated.

We are planning to leave school by 9.15am at the latest, on Friday 5th December and will be travelling by coach to Birmingham. Students should come to school as normal and go straight to the sports hall, to ensure we are ready to leave promptly. Students may wear their own clothes for this trip but please remind them to dress sensibly for the weather, as it is likely to be cold and we will be doing quite a bit of walking outdoors. I would recommend comfy shoes, warm layers and a waterproof coat, just in case!

Once we arrive in Birmingham, the students will have around 2 hours to enjoy the Christmas markets and will be allowed to walk around the market area, in groups of no less than 3. There will be members of staff walking around the markets at all times, and students will be given the school mobile phone number to use in case of emergency. Due to this, we will be allowing students to bring their mobile phone with them. However, they will be responsible for looking after their own phone for the duration of the trip.

If your child normally receives free school meals, there will be a packed lunch provided by school. All other students will need to bring a packed lunch to eat or alternatively, they can bring money to purchase food and drinks at the markets. We will not be leaving the market area to eat but there are plenty of stalls selling traditional German food. Of course they can also bring money, if they wish to buy any souvenirs or gifts from the stalls.

We will aim to be back at school before 3pm, in time for the school buses. Students should expect to travel home as normal. We will ensure students keep you updated on the journey back to school. I hope this trip will be a fun and memorable experience for all our students and would appreciate if you could reinforce at home, the expectations around behaviour.

Please feel free to email me with any further questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Amy Sheffield

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