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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 7 History Visit to Mountfitchet Castle – Monday 4th November 2019

As part of your child's History curriculum this term we are learning about medieval times. We would like to take the year group on a visit to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle in Essex to enrich their learning experience.

Mountfitchet Castle is unique in the world in being the only motte and bailey castle that has been recreated on an original site. There are lots of fun and interactive activities in the castle grounds. Pupils can enter recreated medieval dwellings, climb the siege tower, see a full-scale mangonel and trebuchet as well as feed the goats and farm animals on site. This really is a delightful site that helps to bring History to life and I am sure that the children will enjoy the experience hugely as well as learn a great deal.

Pupils will leave the school at around 9:00am and return in time for the end of the school day. They will be expected to wear school uniform and take a packed lunch in a named disposable bag. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, a school packed lunch will be provided – please confirm on the reply slip if this is not required and that you will be sending your own packed lunch so that we can inform the kitchen of numbers required.

Although this visit is not for several weeks, in order to secure our booking, we need to make sure that we will receive enough money to cover the costs in advance as the castle entrance fee for 165 children is non-refundable. We are therefore asking that **all monies are paid by Monday 14th October.** Please make payment on our online payment system SCO (Tucasi). Please follow the link for access: <https://holywellschool.co.uk/online-payments/>. If you have not paid online before, you will need an online access code to register, please email Mrs Willoughby, our finance assistant, (kwilloughby@holywellschool.co.uk).

We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of **£15.00** to cover the cost of the coach and entry to the castle. If we do not receive sufficient contributions for this trip, I am afraid it may have to be cancelled.

Please note a reply slip/permission is needed for your child to attend.

Please also refer to our Charging and Remissions Policy, as posted on our website for more information on trip payments.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J French
Subject Leader for History



Headteacher: Mr MG Simpson MA, NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Miss A Stewart - Deputy Headteacher Mr S Van Der Merwe - Assistant Headteacher: Mrs H Donnellan

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To: Mrs French

Stansted Mountfitchet Castle Trip – Monday 4th November 2019

Child's Name:

Tutor Group:

My child would like to attend the above trip.

I have paid online: Date..... Reference No.....

I am unable to contribute towards this trip.

Free School Meal pupils – I do not require a school packed lunch – I will send a packed lunch with my child.

Signed: (Parent / Carer) Date: