



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

SMW/CVS

7th March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton – 4th May 2023

We are running a school trip to the Mayflower Theatre on Thursday 4th May 2023 to see Sister Act the Musical. **The production contains strobe lighting and haze effects.**

The show starts at 14:00 so we aim to leave school via coach promptly at 12:50. Students are required to bring a packed lunch with them to eat on the coach. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will have their lunch provided by the school. They may also bring money to purchase snacks in the theatre should they wish but please note the theatre is operating with only contactless forms of payment and will not accept cash. Correct school uniform must be worn for the easy identification of our students. Anyone without the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend and any poor behaviour will potentially affect future trips.

Mobile phones are allowed on the trip but must be switched off once in the theatre. The show has an approximate running time of 2 hours 20 minutes so we aim to be back at school between 17:30 and 17:45.

There are 50 tickets available to Drama students in years 8, 9 and 10, but to ensure that everyone has the chance to go, we will ask you to register your commitment to the trip on Parent Pay before payment is requested by **Monday 13th March 2023** at the latest. If the number of requests for spaces outweigh the number of spaces available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness. We regret that refunds cannot be made unless the visit is cancelled by the School.

The school budget cannot fund the whole cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of £28 per child to cover the cost. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of £14. This will need to be paid on Parent Pay by **28th April 2023** at the latest. Payments not received by then will result in your child not being able to attend this trip and their space offered to a student on the waiting list.

If a significant number of parents are unable, or unwilling, to make a voluntary contribution the activity will be cancelled to prevent the school incurring financial loss. However, the school would not wish to exclude any child from taking part on the grounds

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of financial hardship. If you cannot afford to make payment at this time, please write to the School Business Manager, Mrs Wakeham, in confidence with a brief explanation of your circumstances.

If you're interested in your child participating in this school educational outing, the fee needs to be paid via Parent Pay. By using ParentPay to pay for this trip you automatically give consent for your child to attend, therefore we have not included a reply or consent slip with this letter.

We look forward to this exciting show!

Yours Faithfully,
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