

St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland

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Dear Parent / Carer,

YEAR 7 Friendship Day 7th October 2022

As part of our commitment to nurture pupils on their journey of faith and friendship, we would like to invite your child to a special 'Friendship Day'. This day will provide the opportunity for them to bond with the rest of their year group and tutors, making new friends and strengthening old friendships.

It will be a busy day and will include lots of fun and games, a short liturgy in church and an 'LSM's Got Talent' style activity. This is a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** so pupils may wear their own clothes. However, please ensure that clothing is appropriate as it is a school day and the majority of the day will be spent in church. To participate in this event, we ask that each pupil pays a voluntary contribution of £1.00 towards the cost of the day. This payment should be placed in an envelope together with the attached reply slip marked 'Friendship Day' and returned to the main office by **Monday, 26th September 2022**.

Brief Itinerary:

On Friday, 7th October 2022, please ensure that your child goes directly to **St Mary's Catholic Church, Leyland (Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD)**. They should arrive for 8:50 a.m. for a nine o'clock start. If your child gets the special bus to school, they should report to St Mary's School reception promptly, from where they will be taken by school mini bus to the church.

Please make sure your child brings a packed lunch and snacks and drinks. We will arrange packed lunches for those pupils eligible for free school meals. In addition, cold drinks and biscuits will be served at break time.

Activities will finish at St Mary's Church by 2.50 p.m. Pupils may be collected from church at 3.00 p.m. or make their own way home if they live in the vicinity and you give your permission for them to do so. If your child gets a special bus home from school, a minibus will take them back to school in time for the bus at 3:10 p.m.

Please also note that 'Friendship Day' is part of our new and exciting Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCEE) curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding 'Friendship Day' please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Thank you for your support and God Bless.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Cave
School Chaplain

Miss Wilson
Year 7 Pastoral Leader

I give permission for my child(name) Form:.....to participate in the 'Friendship Day' taking place at St Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, 7th October 2022.

I have paid online using the SCO Pay system (___)

I have paid £1.00 cash to the main office (___)

I enclose a £1.00 cheque to be given to the main office (___)

I have previously completed a Medical Form for my child and:

(please tick the appropriate response)

- I can confirm that the details remain unchanged.
- the details are out dated and I require a new Medical Form to complete before this visit departs.

You are reminded that the school has a code of conduct for the use of mobile phones and that you signed a **'Use of Mobile Devices Agreement'**. **Use of mobile devices on Educational Visits is prohibited and pupils will receive sanctions if they are seen with a mobile device.** Upon request, this agreement can be sent to you in order that you are aware of the expectations.

Signed (Parent / Carer) Date: