

St Thomas More RC Primary School Early Years Foundation Stage



18th November 2019

RE: EYFS trip 'Santa Special' train journey

Dear Parents,

As you are already aware from our previous consent letter, we have a very exciting trip planned on Wednesday 4th December 2019. We would like to clarify and reassure you on a few pieces of key information regarding the trip.

The staff at St Thomas More have many years of experience organising school trips. All relevant Risk Assessments, Insurance arrangements and protocols (**including staffing and ratios**) are followed. These are all arranged according to educational visits protocols defined by our local authority, Rochdale MBC. Miss Banim (Reception team) is the School Educational Visits Co-ordinator and is fully trained in all Rochdale's procedures. There will be no requirement for volunteers due to additional staff support for the trip. The children will be placed into small groups (in line with Rochdale MBC's educational visit protocols) for the trip and be accompanied by a member of St Thomas More staff. Any coach company used by school for any trip has to comply with the legal requirements for carrying children.

I am sure you appreciate that all opportunities offered are done in the best interests of the children, this includes school trips, which takes time, planning and careful arranging. A school trip that incorporates the topic is an excellent way for learning to be stored in the children's long term memory.

We look forward to a very exciting train journey.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The EYFS Team.