

9 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted that your child will join us on **Wednesday 16 July 2025** for our end of year reward trips and we sincerely hope that all pupils have a wonderful time.

It is **imperative** that the following rules are followed to make the day as pleasurable as possible for everyone.

As there are 4 trips taking place, I request your support by making your child aware of the following arrangements: -

Transport:

Trip 1. **Alton Towers** : Pupils must arrive to school **before 8.15am** so that coaches can be boarded and leave promptly at 8.30am. We would like to arrive at the park by 10.00am so that pupils get as much value out of the day as possible.

Trip 2. **Blackpool** : Pupils should arrive to school at the normal time

Trip 3. **Chester Zoo** : Pupils should arrive to school at the normal time

NB: We will be unable to wait for late pupils and any money paid will be non-refundable.

Trip 4. **Walk** : Pupils should arrive to school at the normal time

Clothing :

- Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform on the day. However appropriate clothing should be worn. Clothing with offensive language or graphics is not permitted access into the park at any time.
- Please ensure pupils are provided with sun cream/coats depending on weather conditions.
- All resorts operate enhanced security checks at the entrance to the park. Pupils should avoid bringing large bags or anything larger than A4. This will avoid delays at the security check at the entrance at the start of your day.

Payment methods :

- Alton Towers does accept cash in some places but most of the outlets are strictly card only. Payment can only be made using credit or direct debit card in the food areas.
- Blackpool Pleasure Beach operates a cashless system. Pupils may apply for a "pre-paid card" in advance of the visit or just use their normal credit card/apple-pay to pay for items on the day.
- Chester Zoo does accept cash but it would be safer to use credit/debit card for purchases.

Lunch :

- Pupils can bring a packed lunch on the day or they can purchase food at any of the restaurants on site.

Alton Towers/Blackpool Pleasure Beach rides :

- There are some height restrictions. Further details regarding the ride restrictions can be viewed on the theme park websites: -
 - Blackpool Pleasure Beach website: [Height Restrictions - Blackpool Pleasure Beach](#)
 - Alton Towers [Theme Park Tickets, Passes & Discounts | Alton Towers Resort](#)
- **Pupils are responsible for their own safety on the rides.** They should ensure they follow all the safety rules in place.
- Some of the rides have strobe lighting.

Supervision at the Parks :

- Staff will be present on the day. However, whilst pupils are permitted to freely wander the park, it is imperative that they stay in friendship groups.
- Pupils will be informed of an area at the resort which will be staffed all day. This will allow pupils to access support should it be required.
- Pupils will also have access to the school mobile number should help be needed.
- Pupils who require 1-1 supervision because of care plans/EHCP will have a designated staff member with them.
- Where appropriate, some pupils will be issued virtual passes. Pupils entitled to these passes will be informed prior to the visit.
- Pupils will not be permitted to leave the park at any time.
- Students visiting Chester Zoo cannot be unaccompanied in the animal houses and will be sorted into smaller groups so that staff can accompany them around the park.
- **All of the resorts follow a strict behaviour code of conduct. If a pupil's behaviour is deemed inappropriate, they will be stopped from accessing the rides/zoo and will remain with a staff member. If appropriate parents will be contacted and advised to collect their child if necessary.**

Pupils will be informed of departure times from the resort on the day. It is important pupils do not delay or begin to queue for areas of the resort within 30 mins of departure. We anticipate arriving back at school at the following times: -

- Chester Zoo: 4.00pm
- Blackpool: Before 4.45pm
- Alton Towers: Before 5.30pm.

These are approximate times and we ask parents/carers to keep in touch with their loved ones so that they can be picked up promptly from school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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