

# St Gilbert's RC Primary School

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## London Trip Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have the exciting opportunity to take our children to the Houses of Parliament in London as part of our 'Power in Britain' topic. As part of this one-day trip we will also take in Westminster Abbey and we may even get a trip down the famous Downing Street. We have chosen to take the train again this year as we found it more efficient and reliable than road traffic as such we will begin and end the trip at Piccadilly Station. The day is very busy and allows the children to get first-hand experience in some of the iconic places we have studied this term:

Timings	Activity	Notes
6.30am-6.45am	Meet at Manchester Piccadilly Train Station	Please accompany your child to the meeting point underneath the train timetable noticeboard in the centre of the station where staff will take the register. Pupils will be eating their packed breakfast on the train.
9.30am	Arrive at London Euston	We will be getting the tube to our first destination so pupils will be split into small groups of 4 or 5 and will be guided by their group leader.
10.30am	Arrive at Westminster Abbey	Guided Tour
12.00pm	Lunch in the Cloisters at Westminster Abbey	Children to provide their own packed lunch.
12:45pm	Arrive at Parliament Education Centre	Tour of the Houses and workshop on Elections and Voting
4pm	Arrive at Downing Street via Whitehall	Security checked on gates. Transfer to Euston on a London red bus.
6.20pm	Train departs from London Euston	Children to eat packed tea on the train.
8.30pm	Train arrives at Manchester Piccadilly	Please ensure you make arrangements to collect your child from Manchester Piccadilly at 8.30pm from the platform.

### Food:

Please pack all meals in disposable bags and label the each one so your child knows which one is theirs and which meal is which to avoid confusion. Avoid sending your best cutlery - Plastic is best!

Breakfast-drink + fruit + cereal bar. No wet food please.

2 x Snack and/or small drink + something easy to hold

Lunch-drink + sandwich + something tasty.

Packed tea- drink + something substantial. They will have to carry this all day.

### Equipment:

**All equipment must be labelled and the school takes no responsibility for damage or loss.**

One rucksack- they will carry it all day so cross shoulder bags are not suitable.

One camera

Full School Uniforms including ties (girls should wear thick tights with boots, boys make sure shoes are sturdy)

Inhaler (where required)

Coats, hats, scarves and gloves – the Abbey especially gets very cold.

Meals: labelled in separate disposable bags.



**Banned items:** Bags will have to go through scanners and security through the day so any unauthorise items will be brought to our attention.

ANYTHING ELECTRONIC APART FROM ONE CAMERA (mobile phones, ipods, ipads, ds, kindles etc)

Trainers  
Fizzy Pop  
Toys

The cost for this trip, to cover train costs, is £20.00. This can be paid in one payment by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October or £5 weekly over a 4-week period. If you have any concerns/questions regarding payment please see Miss. Tumelty.

The areas in London we are visiting are extremely popular and busy locations and your child's full concentration and ability to follow instructions is needed for the safety, as well as enjoyment, of the whole party. As such, we will refuse participation on the trip if we have concerns about a child's behaviour leading up to it. Miss. Ward will speak with any parents in advance of the trip should any behaviour concerns raise this kind of concern and any monies paid may be lost as a result. Please take time to discuss behaviour with your child before sending your reply slip as disappointment at being left behind in school can upset.

On the day following the trip we do not expect the children to be in school until the end of first break, 10:30am, so that they have a chance to rest and recoup some energy after a long day. If you are unable to keep them at home, there will be members of staff to supervise them from normal time on Friday.

If there are any questions please see Miss. Ward or Mrs. Neville before the trip. We look forward to an interesting and informative day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. V. Neville  
Assistant Head

Miss. K. Ward  
Y6 Class Teacher

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## Y6 London Trip 2016

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Educational Visit to London on 20/10/2016

I understand that we meet and collect at Piccadilly station: Yes / No

Dropped off by: \_\_\_\_\_

Collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I need to supply food for different meals in the day in disposable bags: Yes / No

Contact numbers for the day are : \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

I have provided £ 20.00 to cover the cost of the trip

I am paying in four instalments of £5

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

