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Dear Parents and Carers of children in red and blue class

Key stage 2 visit to Holy Island

We are delighted to let you know that we have organised a school visit to Holy Island for children in red and blue class on **Wednesday 18 April**. The purpose of the visit is to complement the children's learning on the topic of The Vikings.

We will be looking for evidence of early Christianity and Viking raids around Holy Island by visiting the Lindisfarne Priory and Exhibition Centre, the church and the harbour as well as walking to the castle.

Timings

The visit has to be planned around the safe crossing times to the island. In order to make the most of the day, we will be leaving school at 8:30am. This means that children will have to be at school by **8:15am**.

We will be leaving Holy Island at 2:30pm, returning to school for **4:00pm** (depending on the traffic).

Cost

There is no charge for the children to go to the Lindisfarne Priory, the harbour or the church. There is a charge of £2.00 per child to visit the Lindisfarne Exhibition centre and the bus will cost £272 making a total cost of **£340**.

This is divided by the number of children in red and blue class and gives a price of **£10.00 per child**. We realise that this is a large sum of money, therefore school has subsidised this with **£200** from fundraising money so the cost to parents/carers will be **£4.11 per child**, therefore we are requesting a **voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child**. We hope you agree that the voluntary contribution of **£4.00** per child for a brilliant day out represents **excellent value for money**.

Voluntary contribution

By law, we have to use the term "voluntary contribution". This is because we cannot stop a child from taking part in any visit or activity if their parents/carers have not paid their voluntary contribution.

Any voluntary contributions which are not paid by parents/carers have to be paid from school fund. We cannot afford to do this, especially as we have already subsidised this school visit by £200. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the visit will be cancelled.

Lunches

Please send in a packed lunch that your child will enjoy and keep in mind that we are a Healthy School- no sweets or pop please. Don't forget a spoon if you include a yoghurt. If your child is entitled to **free school meals** and you would like the school kitchen to prepare a packed lunch, please tick on the reply slip. **A packed lunch will not be automatically provided unless you request one on the slip.**

What do the children need-

Please bring	Further information
packed lunch	In a named box or container.
drinks	Water and/or squash. No fizzy pop and no bottles please.
It would be very helpful if the children could put all of their things in a rucksack . The children will have to carry their own bags all day and a rucksack allows the children to have their hands free.	

The children will be outside for the vast majority of their time on the island. They should wear warm and comfortable clothes and trainers.

Please wear	Further information
own clothes	Suggestions would be to wear trainers with joggers/combat/leggings, a long sleeved top and a sweatshirt.
waterproof coat	Children MUST have a waterproof coat even if the weather seems fine when they come to school in the morning. A hoody is not a waterproof coat.

Please complete and return the reply slip attached with a voluntary contribution of £4.00 by **Tuesday 17 April**. We will not be able to take your child on the visit if we have not received a signed reply slip.

If you are unable to pay £4.00 by **Tuesday 17 April** please see Mrs Elliott in the school office and we will arrange a payment scheme for you. We do expect to receive £4.00 for every child as we cannot afford to further subsidise the visit in addition to the £200 subsidy.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

Visit to Holy Island on Wednesday 18 April 2018

Child's name _____ red class / blue class

Please tick all that apply and give details of medical conditions and medication below

	I give permission for my child to go on the visit to Holy Island.
	I will ensure that my child is dropped off at school by 8:15am.
	I will ensure that my child is collected from school at 4:00pm approximately.
	I enclose a voluntary contribution of £4.00.
	My child has the following medical conditions
	My child needs to take the following medication on the visit (only if prescribed by a doctor)
	Emergency contact number
	My child is entitled to free school meals and I would like the kitchen to provide a packed lunch.
	I am able to help on the visit.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please complete and return with your voluntary contribution of £4.00 by Tuesday 17 April.