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Letter 24

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
ACF: Monday 26th November 2018
LNP: Wednesday 28th November 2018**

As part of the Animal Rights element of the Key Stage 3 Religious Education curriculum, we have created an opportunity for students to see religious beliefs in practice at Bhaktivedanta Manor in Radlett. The students will be given a tour of the Manor and it's animal friendly farming methods as well as a chance to discuss how Hindu beliefs affect the way these believers live their lives. The visit will help students put into context the ethical arguments for and against animal farming, which will encourage the students to consider other ways of life and a chance to experience other cultures.

The visits will take place on Monday 26th November for students in 8ACF and Wednesday 28th November for students in 8LNP. We will be leaving the school site at approximately 9am and returning in time for the end of the school day. **Students will be provided with a vegetarian meal at Bhaktivedanta Manor; there is nowhere else to buy food so if your child has particular medical dietary requirements, please provide them with a packed lunch and inform Student Services.** Students will **not** be required to wear uniform. However, as we are walking around the farm they must bring appropriate footwear and ensure they are suitably dressed for the weather conditions (warm and waterproof coat, hat, gloves etc.), if they are not dressed appropriately, they will not be allowed on the coach. Students must be mindful that Bhaktivedanta Manor is also a place of worship so they must also dress modestly.

The cost of the trip is £21.50. Please access the online system to pay and give your consent. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card.

We wish to make it clear that no student will be denied participation in the visit, if it takes place, because of difficulty in meeting the cost, but if sufficient money is not raised by voluntary contributions the trip will not take place.

If a student will miss a Music lesson due to a school trip/event it is vital that they inform their instrumental Music teacher at least two weeks before in order to avoid the lesson being forfeited.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Littlejohn
RE Department