



Our Ref: RAH/RUS/SMI/Rewardtr

Monday 19th July

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: All reward trips- Y7 Wednesday 21st July, Year 8 Thursday 22nd July, Y9 Wednesday 21st July and Y10 Thursday 22nd July 2021

Thank you for your prompt completion of the consent form and payment for the above trips. If you have not paid for your child's trip yet then unfortunately it is now too late to accept payments.

Students who have not paid or have chosen not to go on the trip will have a full day of school at normal times, this will be either normal timetable lessons or one-off lessons where students will have the opportunity to try new skills and activities (Please could all students staying at school bring PE kit on their trip day).

Ahead of the trip, we wanted to update you on information that will be important on the day, please read the information carefully and speak to your child about the day and expectations. Students will also have all this information communicated to them during tutor time.

Covid Restrictions/ Requirements

Students must not attend the trip if they, or a member of their household is showing symptoms and required a COVID-19 test, awaiting a PCR test result or been informed by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate.

Students will need to bring a suitable mask with them. Given the high number of cases locally and nationally, we advise all students and staff to wear a mask for the duration of the coach journey. Thorpe Park and Chessington advises all students (and staff) to wear a face mask in the park in order to go on a number of rides, rollercoasters, into shops and arcades or when queuing in an indoor location.

We request that all students to take an at-home LFT test for Covid prior to attending the trip. A test should be taken on the morning of the day they are attending the trip. If this test is positive then the child must not attend the trip and seek a PCR test in line with the school's policy.

On the day information

The coaches will leave school promptly at the time stated below. They do cause considerable disruption to the road outside and therefore we must minimise the time which they are waiting. If students are late, they risk missing the coach. If this happens you will be informed, and the student expected in school for the day instead. Unfortunately, in this situation we will not be able to offer a refund.

Yr 7 and Yr 8 should arrive at school from 8:00am for registration at 8:15am. The coach will leave by 8:30am

Yr 9 and Yr10 must arrive at school by 7:45am. The coach will leave by 8:00am

All trips will leave their respective theme parks by 3:15pm and will return at approximately 5:00pm. If there are any issues or the coach will return later than expected then the school will use the contact numbers on the system to text and inform parents/carers.



Students will not be expected to wear school uniform but are advised to wear sensible outdoor clothes, comfortable shoes and to bring sun cream and a hat as appropriate. All students should bring a water bottle and there are locations to refill throughout the parks.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, or money to purchase their lunch. FSM meals in the form of a simple packed lunch (e.g. ham/cheese roll, drink and a snack) will be provided for those who are entitled and have requested one on the consent form. Students may wish to bring additional food and snacks to add to this.

Students may bring money with them to spend as they wish however, they are responsible for any money that they bring. Please be aware that most places within the park use contactless payment systems due to Covid and therefore students may need to bring an appropriate method of payment.

As a school, we have a detailed risk assessment in place for the trip; Thorpe Park and Chessington have their own which is available on their websites. However, parents should be aware that students will be released to walk around the park unaccompanied by staff. There will be lunch time head count and staff will be available in a central point throughout the day in the event of an emergency, or if a student needs support for any reason.

All students will have a contact telephone number for a member of staff in addition to staff being available throughout the park.

Students will go around the park in groups of 3 or more (decided during tutor time). Any child who gets separated from their group must contact school staff at the meeting point. No children should be going around the park on their own at any time and contact a member of staff if this should happen.

We encourage all students to bring their phones with them and to download the relevant park app in advance of the day. This contains a map of the park and information about ride queuing times, etc.

Whilst at the park all students will be required to check in at a Lunch Meet Time of 12.30pm. This attendance will be reported back to school. Please remind your child that they must attend this important check in. The End of day Meet time is 3:00pm. The coaches will aim to leave at 3:15pm. All students will be encouraged to set alarms on their phones to remind them of meeting times.

Any student with additional needs/ support/ medication required: We will have discussed these with their tutor/ school staff and/or we will have spoken to parents/carers directly if required.

Height Restrictions on rides: There are height restrictions on some of the rides at the parks. Specific restrictions can be found on the park maps, which each member of staff will have a copy of and can also be seen on the app. Ride information can also be found on the boards located by the entrance of each ride.

Storage of Items: The parks or the school cannot accept responsibility for items brought to the parks but lockers are available.

First Aid: The First Aid Centre is run by qualified park staff and there is a location at each park, which children will be informed of. We also have trained school first aiders on the trip who will be contactable at either the meeting points or by phone.



Lost Property: Lost property, if found will be taken to the lost property area at the park, park staff will help students to find this. Please remind children to check their belongings regularly, they are responsible for anything that they take on the day.

Lost Persons: Lost children should contact school staff on the numbers given or report to a member of park staff. There are lost child facilities at the parks.

Behaviour at the Park: Excellent behaviour is expected of all guests visiting the park and in line with the school's expectations. Staff at the parks are trained to enforce regulations for the benefit of all guests and will instruct children to behave where necessary.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. We thank you for your support in our decision to offer this as reward to in order to maintain the high expectations with have at The Portsmouth Academy. I know the children will enjoy their day and I hope the weather will be on our side.

Yours faithfully

Alanya Russell
Assistant principal