



RED HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

**Year 8 visit to the Orthodox Synagogue, Newcastle - Thursday 9 March**

On Thursday, 9 March all pupils in Year 8 will visit the Orthodox Synagogue in Newcastle. This visit has been arranged to consolidate the work they have done this term on the holocaust and why it should be remembered. Mrs Van der Velde will speak to the pupils about Jewish beliefs and practices and talk to the pupils about how her family was affected by the holocaust.

**I wish to draw your attention to the tradition for boys to cover their heads when inside the synagogue. I would, therefore, ask that all boys wear a baseball cap or similar for the visit.**

The visit will take place during the school day, pupils will be leaving school at 9am prompt and pupils will be back at school, traffic permitting, by 12.30pm and should have the necessary equipment for lessons 6-9. Pupils can bring their morning snack and they will be back in school before lunch break. Children will need to wear school uniform. Pupils will be transported to Newcastle on the school minibuses. There is no charge for this visit. Please ensure if your child suffers from asthma or severe allergic reactions, their inhaler/medication/epipen is in school. If they do not have them, they will be unable to go on the trip.

The trip will be subject to the conditions as set out in the Parent Contract, and will be covered by the school's insurance policy. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the group leader and a qualified first aider will be accompanying the trip. Personal items such as, iPods or cameras are not allowed. The school cannot be held responsible for the care of these items if any pupil brings them, and insurance will not cover them. We endeavour to take photographs on as many school trips as possible; please visit our website, Facebook and Twitter pages to view a selection of photographs.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me via the School office or via email [lara.roberts@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:lara.roberts@redhouseschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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