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Dear Parent/Carer

Ripley South Africa Trip, 2019

We are proposing to run a trip to LIV Village, on the outskirts of Durban, South Africa, from 14 July to 4 August 2019. This will be an experience of faith, culture and social action as we engage with one of our charitable partners that provides homes and education for young people that would otherwise be homeless.

During our stay we will be staying onsite at LIV village in their guest accommodation. The main part of the trip will be with the school, church and community. In addition we will have excursions to Tala game reserve, Nelson Mandela capture site memorial and apartheid museum, Durban seafront and other local places of interest.

The total cost of the trip is £1700 per pupil which includes all food, travel, accommodation, and activities. There will be additional costs for spending money and pre-travel immunisations. We would like to make it clear, though, that £1700 is the most expensive that the trip could be. We hope to lower the cost through grants, charitable support, by coming under budget on flights and by joining together as a group in fundraising activities. For those that would see the cost as a significant barrier please do talk with us first before making a decision, especially those who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Payment can be made by instalments. An initial deposit of £200 will need to be paid by Friday 6th July 2018. This will be followed by ten instalments of £150, the first being required by Monday 11th September, and the next nine due on the first Monday of each month. These payments will be discounted as and when grants or fundraising comes in. For security, all payments should be made online at www.scopay.com/ripley using your personal login details from the letter issued to pupils. If you have any problems using the online payment system please contact the school finance office for assistance.

There will be a parents' information evening on Monday 4th June in the School Chapel from 6pm to 7pm to run through the organisation of the trip in more detail and to give you an opportunity for to ask any questions before an application is made.

We expect interest for this trip to be high and so, in order to ensure an equal spread of ages and demographics and to ensure the dynamics of the trip are balanced, all applications will be considered by the Chaplain in consultation with progress leaders and the senior leadership team.

Believe.....

Principal Mr M Wood
Chair of Governors Prof JD Crewdson

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A significant legal requirement for the trip is that in order to enter South Africa with a person under the age of 18 we need to have a full unabridged birth certificate for that child showing the names of both parents. In addition we will need legal consent from both parents by way of a signed affidavit (legal document). We will arrange for the affidavit but please do speak with us first if you feel this would be a problem. These rules are in place to stop child trafficking and ultimately the decision is with the South African immigration officials. Those with a non-UK passport will also need to contact us first as there may be different visa requirements for them.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please complete and return the attached application forms. The forms should be returned to the Chaplain in an envelope clearly marked with your son's / daughter's name and 'Ripley LIV Trip' on the outside.

A fully completed Parental Consent and Medical Form will also be required; this will be sent to you at a later point when dates and timing have been confirmed.

With regard to cancellations we will endeavour to re-allocate the place but we cannot guarantee a full refund where irrecoverable costs have been incurred. Where cancellation arises for justifiable reason (eg medical grounds) then this would usually be covered by our travel insurance.

If a place is offered and accepted there is an expectation that the child engages with fundraising activities as part of the group and individually, as well as attending the group team building session, briefings and meetings. This engagement is an important part of the trip, and as such is mandatory.

If you have any question please do come to attend the information session on Monday 4th June at 6pm. If this is not possible please do not hesitate to contact me via parentline.

Yours sincerely

Rev Adrian Wolton
School Chaplain

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR THE TRIP/VISIT TO :

Ripley South Africa Trip, 2019

Visit to:	LIV Village, Durban South Africa
The following activities will be undertaken:	Social Action projects in the school, church and local community. In addition there will be days out the area such as a local game reserve, Durban seafront and other such areas.
The alternative (Plan B) activity/venue is :	At this point there is no alternative Plan B. If cancelled the party will return to base / school.
Date(s) of the visit:	Leave on - 14th July 2019 (TBC) Return on - 4th August 2019 (TBC)
The mode of transport is:	Plane, Coach, Minibus
The time & place of departure is:	Leaving from school site but exact timings to be confirmed when flights have been booked.
The approximate time & place of return is:	Returning to school site but exact timings to be confirmed when flights have been booked.
For residential visits the accommodation address & tel. number is :	LIV Village, Durban, South Africa. Exact contact details will be given nearer the time.
The base contact details are : (NB <u>these should be used in emergency situations only</u>)	Mon to Fri up to 16:00hrs : 01524 64496 ext 1023 All other times : 07722027582

If Parents/Guardians have any concerns prior to the trip/visit taking place, please contact :-
Rev Adrian Wolton : 01524 64496
e-mail : Via ParentLine on the school "Contact Us" Page

NOTE: Ripley St Thomas CE Academy has insurance arrangements in place for covering personal injury to pupils. Details are available on the school website or you can request a copy from the school's Educational Visit Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT

PARENTAL/CARER CONSENT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

A consent form **MUST** be completed and returned to the school **before** your child may participate in the visit/activity. This will be sent to you at a later date

Application form for: Ripley South Africa Trip, 2019

All activities, events or trips that are not a necessary part of the curriculum are subject to the Passport to Privilege (P2P) protocol, which recognises and rewards good effort and behaviour. The principles of the Passport to Privilege are regularly outlined by progress leaders through assemblies and displayed on posters in form rooms. It is clear that a positive attitude to behaviour and studies will result in the opportunity to participate in events and activities organised by Ripley colleagues.

Parents must also be aware that, if at any point prior to the trip, concerns are raised about your child’s attitude and / or behaviour, Ripley reserves the right to withdraw the invitation to participate. If this were to happen, whilst every effort would be made to make a refund this may not always be possible.

I accept the P2P principles and request that my son /daughter

NAME _____

TUTOR GROUP _____

be considered for a place on the **Ripley South Africa Trip, 2019**

TRIP LEADER - **Rev Adrian Wolton**

DATE(s) OF TRIP - **14th July - 4th August 2019**

I understand that places on this trip will be allocated based on P2P principles. The decision to offer a place will be made in consultation with the trip leader, my child’s progress leader and members of the school senior leadership team.

I will be attending or have attended the information evening - **YES/NO**
(If you have not been able to attend the information evening please make contact with the Chaplain via Parentline)

Signed..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....

A place on the trip is only confirmed once a place has been offered and the deposit has been paid to the school.

Pupil Application Form - Ripley South Africa Trip, 2019

NAME _____

TUTOR GROUP _____

Why do you want to go on this trip?

What do you think you will bring to the group?

What do you think you will get out of going on the trip?

Do you regularly attend a church, If so, where?

Will you be committed to joining the group in fundraising activities and team building, and attending all lead up meetings as needed?

SIGNED.....