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RE: TY Trip to Dublin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming trip arranged for both TY groups. As previously announced TY's will be taken on a day-trip to Dublin on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022.

This trip will involve a visit to Dublin Zoo, The Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and Disney's The Lion King at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. It is important you and your son read the following information below and fill out the **online permission slip by Friday, January 28th, 2022.**

The cost of tickets and transport are covered through the TY fund. The deposit of €10 you provided before Christmas will be returned to you at later date, **only if your son attends this activity.**

Students will leave school at 9.10am and return to school at 12.30am (please see information below). Students may wear their own clothes on the day, therefore they are not required to wear their uniform. As we are returning late on Thursday night, there is no school for Transition Year students on Friday, February 4th, 2022.

What do students need to bring with them?

- ⇒ Spending money (to cover food/lunch/shopping centre).
- ⇒ A jacket/coat/hoodie (due to changeable weather).
- ⇒ Please bring more than one mask (as a mask **MUST** be worn in the bus at all times/in the shopping centre/in the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre).
- ⇒ Phone Charger
- ⇒ School bag to put shopping into; as we will not be able to store any purchases on the the bus

On the bus

- ⇒ Students will be seated in allocated seating.
- ⇒ Following government guidelines **A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES ON THE BUS TO AND FROM DUBLIN,** failure to comply with this rule is a serious breach of the school's Code of Behaviour and COVID-19 policy.

Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and Bord Gáis Energy Theatre

- ⇒ Following government guidelines the wearing of a mask is still required in an in-door setting such as a shopping centre or live venue. Therefore, students are asked to follow the guidelines as they appear at both in-door settings. Failure to comply may result in the management at both venues requesting your son to exit.

Timetable of events:

- ⇒ 9.00am Student to meet in the school atrium for roll call
- ⇒ **9.10am** Leave school by private bus
- ⇒ 10:45am (estimated) A quick stop for students to grab a small snack/drink in Portlaoise
- ⇒ 11.10am – Students return to bus
- ⇒ 11:45am (estimated) Students arrive at Dublin Zoo
- ⇒ 2:00pm – Students to meet teachers at planned location
- ⇒ 2.30pm-3pm (estimated) Bus to Liffey Valley Shopping Centre for Lunch and Shopping
- ⇒ 5.30pm (estimated) Students to meet teachers to transfer to bus to Bord Gáis Energy Theatre
- ⇒ 7.30pm The Lion King Show starts
- ⇒ 9.30pm The show ends students to follow teachers to bus
- ⇒ **12:30 to 12:45am (estimate)** Arrive back at school

Returning to school

- **As you can see from the timetable we are planning to return to the school around 12:30am to 12:45am (estimated return time). We will ask students to text you an updated arrival time as we get closer to Cork City.**
- ******When we return to school, we are unable to release students back to you unless an adult is there to collect your son from the school gate. We are not in the position to allow groups of students or an individual student the opportunity to walk home without adult supervision.*****
- **We appreciate the return time is late and this may create difficulty arranging the collection of your son, but please use this time to arrange this.**

ONLINE PERMISSION SLIP

You are asked to complete an online permission slip available from the following website <https://northmonastery.ie/school-news/ty-trip-to-dublin/> or go to northmonastery.ie or see the school app, failure to complete this form may result in your son not being allowed to attend the trip.

This online permission slip must be completed by Friday, January 28th, 2022.