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### Year 2 School Trip – Buckingham Palace – 19th September

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with essential information regarding the upcoming trip to Westminster Abbey and The Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Due to applying for grants and bursaries, the total cost for this educational excursion will be £4.30 per child. It is imperative that this payment is made in full by the 11th of September using Arbor, our online payment system.

As outlined in our previous correspondence, the children need to be dropped off at Upminster station no later than 9:20 am, at the latest, for our scheduled train departure at 9:27 am. Our staff will be present from 9 am to meet the children at the side entrance. Please note that we must adhere strictly to this timing to ensure we do not miss our train or the scheduled workshops at our destinations.

Our travel route will involve boarding the C2C line to West Ham, where we will change to the Jubilee line headed towards Westminster. Depending on time constraints and weather conditions, we will either walk through St James's Park to reach the Royal Mews or take the District Line to Victoria Station and make our way across the road to the Royal Mews. The return journey is expected to bring us back to Upminster Station between 3:30 pm and 3:45 pm, at which point the children will need to be collected. We will update you on our precise arrival time once we have boarded the train in London.

To facilitate transportation for this trip, many parents have previously cooperated in organising car-sharing arrangements. If you encounter any difficulties in this regard, please consult with the class teacher, as there are often parents willing to accommodate additional children.

We have bolstered our adult-to-child ratio to ensure smaller group sizes during the excursion. Last year, the children had an enriching and memorable experience on this trip, which they referenced throughout the year.

Essential items for the children to bring:

- School uniform, with trainers permissible for comfortable walking
- A warm coat
- Packed lunch, including a water bottle (avoiding sweets, nut products, glass bottles, or fizzy drinks) in a rucksack or bag. Alternatively, you may opt to request a school-provided packed lunch at no cost. Please indicate your preference on the return slip and only select this option if you will not be providing lunch for your child on the day.

We are looking forward to a day filled with educational experiences and cultural insights for the children. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Ms Kirthanan and Ms Howell

Year Two lead (2KK) and teacher of 2JH



Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the visit and I have paid £..... via Arbor

I can organise drop off and collection from Upminster Train Station

My child will require the school to provide a free packed lunch would like a filling of TUNA or CHEESE\*

If required, I am available to accompany the trip and understand I will need to follow the given protocols. (The class teacher will inform you if your support is required by 11/9/24 (Parent volunteers will be responsible for their own car parking at Upminster.

Name of adult signing \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

