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Dear Parent/Carer

Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Thursday 6 July – Friday 14 July 2023

In preparation for our visit to Lourdes in July, we need to inform you for the following:

Meetings

We are currently holding fortnightly meetings for students to learn more about the trip. It is important that students attend these and are prompt. Start times have been given to them and there is also a list of these meetings on the Lourdes noticeboard. The next two meetings are on:

Thursday 9 March 1pm - 1.30pm 'Helping in Lourdes: what can I expect to do?' A12
Thursday 23 March 1pm - 1.30pm 'Praying with your feet: worship in Lourdes' A12

Fundraising

In an effort to raise vital funds we are kindly being welcomed into parish coffee mornings to serve drinks and sell cakes. We will need students to sign up to help at each of these and it is expected that each student commits to at least one. Further details will be given in school. The dates are:

12 March 9.30am -11.30am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown
19 March 10am - 12 noon Holy Name, Cookridge
26 March 11am - 12.30pm St Urban's, Headingley/Meanwood
23 April 10.30am - 1.30pm Cathedral of St Anne's, Leeds

Passports and details for travelling

Please make sure that all sections of the consent form, which has been sent to you is up to date. Please do this as soon as possible. Without this we cannot allow students to travel.

Please send your son/daughter's passport in to school as we will need to scan this. There needs to be at least 6 months validity on the passport. Please put the passport in an envelope with your son/daughter's name on it and ask your child to hand it to me in person. Alternatively, you could drop it off at the main reception. It will be returned before the Easter break.

If your son/daughter holds a passport outside of the UK/ EU then they will need to apply for a visa for travelling. If this is the case, please email me (details above) to notify me and start this process immediately. The 'France-visas' website provides further information, alternatively visit the gov.uk website [Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france) (www.gov.uk).

Thank you for your assistance and support.

Yours sincerely

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