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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 - UK Parliament Trip

We are very excited to tell you that we have been successful in arranging **a trip for Year 6 pupils to the Houses of Parliament** in London. The trip will be taking place on **Friday 6th March 2026**. This trip is only available to a select number of schools each year.

During the trip, the children will have a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster (including the House of Commons and House of Lords) and will also have a workshop at the Parliament Education Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens (next to the Palace of Westminster). They will learn about how the UK Parliament works, the history of democracy in the UK and the importance of our parliamentary system and the British Values it represents. The children will travel by coach to Parliament and will be accompanied by school staff at all times.

Pupils will need to arrive at school at 8:15am on the morning of the trip, **for a prompt 8:30am departure**. We will depart London at around 3:00pm and **should return to school at around 6:00pm** (depending on traffic). *If this timing changes on the day, we will inform you via text on the number held by the school.*

We are also very pleased to be able to say that we have been able to keep the cost of this fantastic trip as low as possible. There is no charge to our pupils for the cost of the tour and workshop, and the cost of the coach booking has been subsidised by the UK Parliament Education Service by 60%. This means that we are asking for a **parental contribution of £10.50 per pupil** to cover the remaining 40% of the coach cost. We hope you agree that this represents excellent value for such a unique educational opportunity for your children. **This contribution is payable on Arbor by Friday 27th February.**

In addition to the above, please complete the attached permission slip and return to the school office by Friday 9th January.

Yours sincerely

Mr Golding

Deputy Headteacher

I give permission for (child's name) to attend the UK parliament trip on **Friday 6th March** and to travel by coach.

Please advise of anything you wish the school to be aware of with regards to this trip

(e.g medical needs/inhalers/allergies etc):

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Signed:

(Parent/Carers signature)

Please return slip to the school office by Friday 9th January.