

10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Trip to Thorpe Park – Caernarvon and Balmoral House 27 May 2023.

We have organised a house trip to Thorpe Park on Saturday 27 May. We will leave Bridgwater and Taunton College lay-by at 06.00am, travel to Thorpe Park by Berrys Coaches, stopping at a motorway services for a toilet stop and refreshments if needed. We will leave Thorpe Park at 4.00pm and arrive back at school at approximately 8.00pm. Please make arrangements for your child to get home safely/be collected from school at 8.00pm.

The cost of the trip is £57 which includes coach travel and entry to the park. Students will need extra spending money if they wish to buy food during the day. Alternatively, they can bring a packed lunch/drinks for the day.

I am operating a first come, first served policy for this trip, so if you would like your child to take part in the trip, please pay either via the school's online payment system (Scopay), by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) by **Tuesday 21 March** at the latest. We will send a message via Class Charts to confirm places once the deadline has passed.

Payment for the trip will be taken as parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter.

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

School trips are covered by the Trust insurance policy. Please be aware that:

- a) except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, ie, that the Trust can only insure against the proven negligence by the Trust and/or its employees; and
- b) the Trust is a member of the RPA (Department for Education risk protection arrangement) which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but you may consider taking out your own personal accident cover to supplement this if appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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