



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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Ford Castle 2027

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Year 5 curriculum we are once again able to offer our residential visit to Ford Castle, Northumberland, to bring to life our children's learning. We will travel by coach, leaving school at 9:30am on Wednesday 14th April 2027, returning to school at approximately 6:30pm on Friday 16th April 2027. The journey takes approximately 3 hours.

We will be staying at Ford Castle Adventure Centre which has been chosen as it offers a wide range of learning activities together with fantastic on-site facilities. The centre offers historic themed activities tailored to our requests. We will explore the castle and its grounds and take advantage of a one-off visit to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. We are fortunate to have secured this booking as this centre is a very popular choice for primary schools.

The total cost of the residential experience including all activities, accommodation, transport, meals and the visit to Holy Island is £275.00. If you wish your child to take part, a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 is required. Please pay via MCAS by Friday 30th October 2026. This gives us consent for your child to go and will secure their place. Further payments can be made at your own convenience with the full balance to be paid by Friday 12th February 2027.

The trip is open to the first 45 applications, due to PGL (the tour operator) travel limit. We realise that families may have further questions relating to this trip. If you have any specific queries, please email the office and we will be glad to answer your questions – office@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk.

A formal meeting will be held in school prior to departure to explain the full itinerary to children and families. But, may we assure you at this stage that the trip has been carefully organised, risk assessed and planned. Governors have approved the residential trip in line with school development.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Sacred Heart School team.

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