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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 2 Synagogue Visit - Safety Information for All Families

Following a question from one of our Year 2 parents about safety arrangements for the synagogue visit on Wednesday 3rd June, I wanted to share our comprehensive safety planning with all families.

One of our parents recently asked about the security measures in place for our visit to Maidenhead Synagogue. This was an excellent question, and it prompted me to share our detailed risk assessment information with all Year 2 families, so everyone can see the thorough planning we undertake for every educational visit.

The safety and wellbeing of your children is our absolute priority. For every educational visit, we complete comprehensive risk assessments that identify potential hazards and put control measures in place to manage them.

For this particular visit, we have specifically considered:

Security at the venue:

- We contacted Maidenhead Synagogue directly before confirming the visit to discuss their current security arrangements
- They have confirmed measures including CCTV monitoring, controlled entry and emergency procedures.
- All staff will be briefed on emergency protocols, including what to do in the event of a security incident

Supervision:

- The visit will be led by Sam Biddle (Visit Leader)
- Two Learning Support Assistants will accompany the group (Jess Allen and Nazan Bergman)
- Children will remain in small supervised groups at all times
- We maintain close supervision ratios throughout

Emergency procedures:

- All staff carry emergency contact numbers
- We have clear protocols for managing various scenarios (medical emergencies, lost children, security incidents, etc.)
- The visit has been approved by our Educational Visits Coordinator and Myself, as Headteacher



I've attached two documents for your information:

1. **Event Specific Plan** - This shows the practical steps we'll take on the day to manage various scenarios, including security incidents, medical emergencies, and safeguarding concerns.
2. **Risk Assessment** - This is our systematic evaluation of all potential hazards with details of how we'll manage each one.

These documents demonstrate the thorough planning that goes into every school trip to ensure your children's safety.

While safety is paramount, I also want to reassure you about the educational value of this visit. The children will:

- Explore a real place of worship and learn about its significance
- Meet members of the Jewish community and ask questions about their beliefs and traditions
- Develop understanding, respect and tolerance for faiths different from their own

This hands-on experience is an important part of our RE curriculum and helps children understand the diverse world we live in.

If you have any questions about the visit, or if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to this enriching educational experience for the children.

Yours sincerely



Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

