

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2020

The Nottingham Diocese in partnership with Tangney Tours is delighted to announce a pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will take place Friday 10th July 2019 returning on Saturday 18th July 2020.

This year, we would like to invite students from St Peter & St Paul's Catholic Voluntary Academy to join us and represent both the school and the St Therese of Lisieux Multi-Academy Trust.

The current estimated cost of the trip is £625 and includes all travel, meals, hotel accommodation, two polo shirts and a diocesan levy. (Not spending money). We also recommend you take out comprehensive travel and health insurance to cover your child's travel & health needs for the trip and if you need for you to cancel for whatever reason as a refund will not be possible.

This price also includes participation in all pilgrim events including the Blessing and Lighting of the Pilgrimage Candle, optional bathing in Holy Water, passage through the Grotto where Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette and a Grotto Mass. Students in years 10 and above can also help in assisting the sick if they wish.

We are hoping that part of the cost for the pilgrimage may be subsidised if students are willing to take part in events in and out of school to help with the costs. However, this cannot be guaranteed at this stage as numbers attending and outcome of Brexit may also impact on this.

Further information on this and all aspects of our pilgrimage will follow at a later date.

Lourdes is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage destinations in the world. During the past 160 years, millions of pilgrims have flocked to the site with the hope of receiving a special healing and a deepening of faith. To be part of a pilgrimage and to gather with other pilgrims across our diocese will be a truly memorable occasion for all.

At the moment we are asking students for an expression of interest by filling in the form below. When we know exactly how many students will be coming we will then open it up for payment.

Mrs R Le Caplain

Headteacher

Mrs J Shinn

Lay Chaplain

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020 10th July – 18th July 2020

My child/children _____ Year(s) _____

Would like to take part in the pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2020. I am aware the current estimated cost of the trip is £625.

Note:

As educational visits are a privilege, they are linked directly to student behaviour in school. We reserve the right to remove students from educational visits if their behaviour in school does not meet the standards that we expect.

Please return this slip to the Library-Thank you.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Parent Information:

<https://ndcys.com/nottingham-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes-2019/>

<http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes>

Passports and EHIC: Please make sure that you order your child's passport in plenty of time and that it is in date for the trip.

Parent information: Brexit-Please read the following advice on Passport validity/EHIC cards after "Brexit"

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>

European Health Insurance Cards- Will no longer be valid in the EU if there is a "No Deal" Brexit.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-44850972>

