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Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

<u>Friday 21st July – End of Term Rewards Trip – Drayton Manor</u>

We are looking forward to our end of term rewards trip that is going out to Drayton Manor on Friday 21st July. We have today met with all students who are going on the trip to go through our expectations. In this letter there are some key reminders for parents and students:

- Students need to arrive and meet in the **SPORTS HALL** no later than **8.45am** so that we can register and get students on to the coaches. We will be leaving school at **9.15am** and will return for **5.00pm**.
- Students can wear their own clothes, this needs to be suitable for the weather and I would also advise that they bring a waterproof coat.
- You may want to provide your child with a small amount of spending money for additional refreshments throughout the day.
- Students will have a wrist band with the emergency contact number on in case anything happens. Students who have given consent to use the TripAid app will need to download this and they will then be given the code to join the trip.
- When in the theme park, **<u>students will be remotely supervised</u>** which means that there will be staff around the park at a check point. Students will need to be in a group of 4 as a minimum to explore the park, if we see them apart from their group they will have to be sat with a member of staff. Students will be allowed to go on the rides without staff supervision with the exception of the water rides where staff will need to accompany them; staff will be based at the water rides.

If your child requires emergency medicine such as an inhaler, epi-pen, tablets then they must have it on them on the day in case it is needed. This responsibility lies with yourself and the student. If they do not have their emergency medicine then they will not be able to attend the trip. THIS WILL BE CHECKED BEFORE GOING ON THE COACH.

Please see below the guidance for Trip Aid, the app we will be using.

Yours sincerely

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Trip Aid Guidance

Please see below the guidance for the Trip Aid app. The code is below for students to enter, the trip will go live at 9.00am on the Friday.

Please ensure that your child downloads the TripAid app prior to the trip on Friday if you have given consent. It is important that they accept and agree to **ALL location permissions** for the app for **ALL of the time** (not just when the app is open). They may need help with this.

To access the TripAid app, the teachers and students attending your school trip will require need to put in Oldbury Academy as the school, their correct name (or they won't be able to access it) and then the student code:

STUDENT CODE: 474FTO0DIR

The app won't "work" until the trip goes live on the day and will close down when it returns. As a reminder no students will be able to message each other nor see the location of any other student during the day. No contact information at all is shared through the app with anyone.
Steps to success:

1. Students attending the trip need to visit www.tripaid.co.uk and download the app using the links for apple and android devices.
2. The teachers and students need to open the app, and select their school from the list, fill in their name and enter the appropriate code.
3. When the trip begins one of the teachers will begin the trip on the app. It is important that your child then opens the app and leaves it running in the background. Whilst it uses minimal battery if your child's battery is poor then you may want to consider sending a battery pack to keep it charged.