



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Year 4 Visit to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Hindu Temple**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Religious Education (RE) curriculum, we are learning about Hinduism. To support our learning, we will be visiting the Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple in Birmingham on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. We will be departing promptly at 9am and returning to school for lunchtime.

We will be having our morning snack at the temple, and we ask that you provide your child with one that is vegetarian. This is out of respect for the temple and those worshipping there. When entering certain parts of the temple, the children will be asked to remove their shoes. They will be able to keep their socks on. Children will need to wear their usual school uniform and bring a coat with them.

The journey is approximately 40 minutes, so if your child requires travel medication for the visit, please ensure they have had their dose for the initial coach journey before they arrive at school. We can then administer their dose for the return journey, if required, at the venue. Please complete the form linked below, detailing timings and dosage. Medication should be handed to your child's class teacher on the morning of the visit, labelled clearly with your child's name and the dosage.

To give your permission for your child to attend the visit, please complete the form linked [here](#) by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. Entry to the temple is free so we are only asking for a contribution towards the coach cost of £8.50 per child. Please make your payment no later than **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March via Arbor**. Whilst the cost of the trip is a voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled if insufficient contributions are received. If you have any problems with payments, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Thorp or Mr Groves as soon as possible.\*

If you are available to support with this trip as a parent helper and have a DBS through school, please speak to Mrs Biddle or Mrs Edwards.

With thanks,

The Year 4 Team

*\*Please note your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding if you or your partner claim certain benefits such as Income Support/Job Seekers (Income based) etc. This means there may be funding available to pay for your child to go on school visits and they would also be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). If you think you may qualify please speak with a member of the office staff. You need to give the office your National Insurance Number(s) and a telephone call to the Local Authority will easily establish eligibility. NB This is not to be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which is provided for all EYFS/KS1 children, or Pupil Premium Plus Funding which is provided for all Looked After Children.*