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Dear Parents/Carers

18th September 2026

Year 5 Visit to the Derby Open Centre – Mosque Experience

As part of our Religious Education learning, Year 5 pupils have the opportunity to visit the Derby Open Centre on **Wednesday 14th October 2026**. During the visit, children will take part in the Faith Trails programme, which includes a guided visit to an Islamic Mosque as well as a range of engaging and age-appropriate workshops.

This experience is carefully planned to support pupils in developing their understanding of different faiths, places of worship and beliefs. It also encourages respect, curiosity and appreciation of the diverse community in which we live. Learning outside the classroom in this way can be a valuable and memorable part of children's education, helping to bring their classroom learning to life.

Trip Details

- **Leave school:** 8:45 am (children should arrive by 8:20 am)
- **Return:** Approximately 2:00 pm
- **Clothing:** School uniform
- **Lunch:** Children should bring a packed lunch from home. If your child is eligible for **free school meals** and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please let the office know. Options available are **cheese, ham, or tuna mayonnaise**.

When visiting certain parts of the centre, including the mosque, children are kindly asked to cover their head as a simple sign of respect. A **plain woolly hat, scarf or cap** is perfectly suitable. Caps should not contain any offensive wording or logos, and we would ask that hats are appropriate for a place of worship. If any child does not have something suitable, please speak to school and we will try and provide something, or the centre is able to provide coverings if needed.

Cost and Payment

The cost of the visit is **£13.00 per child** (due to the importance of this visit, this visit has been subsidised by the school). Payment should be made via Arbor by **Friday 9th October 2026**. If you have any concerns or require support with payment, please contact the school office in confidence.

Consent

Please give permission via the Arbor app:

- Open the app
- Tap the menu (bottom left)
- Select Trips
- Choose "Derby Open Centre trip" and give consent

Transport will be provided to and from the centre. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch — we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Miss Coleman & Ms Thomas
Year 5 Teachers



Water



Air



Fire



Earth

