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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With reference to the forthcoming Residential Retreat at Soli House, Mill Lane, Stratford upon Avon, thank you for your prompt contribution of £125.00 (Residential).

On Tuesday 09 March 2010 pupils attending Soli House will leave school after lesson 1 and will travel to Soli House thereafter by mini-bus. Pupils will attend school in sensible non-school uniform on this day please. Pupils attending the retreat who live in Stratford should arrive at Soli House no later than 10.30 am. These pupils should travel to Soli House directly and we look to you as parents to oversee this.

On Friday 12 March 2010 you should arrange to collect your son/daughter from Soli House and should arrive between 1.30 and 2.30 pm. Pupils who cannot be collected will be offered a mini-bus place to return them to school for buses at the end of the school day. It is hoped that as many pupils as possible will be collected by their parents.

All pupils must have produced a completed, signed, medical form before departure.

The pupils will need to bring as essentials:

Changes of clothing/night attire/toiletries/ etc

Towel

Pocket money (not to exceed £30)

Sports kit/swim wear

A sleeping bag

Outdoor coat, scarf, hat, gloves

Outdoor/indoor footwear

Writing equipment

Musical instrument (if played)

Pupils may bring their own music players with them, but obviously considerate use of them should be emphasised. Pupils should also be prepared to be responsible for their own belongings. Any leisure time enjoyed by the pupils will be monitored and supervised by the staff throughout the week. Any use of mobile phones, i-pods, MP3 players, etc will be at their own risk.

NB ALL medication must be handed in to staff on day of departure – fully labelled with clear instructions.

Any infringement of the school or Soli House rules on smoking, alcohol, banned substances, etc, will result in the pupil being returned to school if during school hours, or directly home if not, and appropriate sanctions will be taken.

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Pupils may be contacted **in an emergency** at Soli House by telephoning 01789 267011. Should any queries occur during the retreat's duration please telephone 01789 762888 during school hours or 01386 832600 during the evening.

I am sure all pupils attending Soli House will derive great benefit from the experience which will help their personal faith formation. If you have any other query with regard to the above arrangements or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

You should be aware that on the afternoons of our retreat week (Weds, Thurs) the pupils will be taken either to the Leisure Centre in Stratford or taken into town. They may be permitted some limited free-time on Thursday afternoon to purchase items for an activity held on Thursday evening. The staff will be available in town as they do so. Please let me know if you are unhappy to allow your child to participate in the afternoon activities of the aforementioned three days.

Yours sincerely,

C. Wilks
Assistant Headteacher
(Head of Pastoral Care)