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Dear Parent/Carer

Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach Tuesday 23 June

This is to alert you to the final arrangements for our UPBEAT trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Tuesday 23 June.

Buses will leave the school at **6.00am**, returning at approximately **8.30pm**. In order to get to the Pleasure Beach on time, we need to leave promptly at 6.00am and request that you arrange to have your son/daughter at the school for **5.30am at the latest**, to allow us to have everyone on board their allocated bus by 6 o'clock. The trip to Blackpool takes approximately four and a half hours, including a comfort stop. We hope to be at the park sometime around 10.30am and will be leaving at 4.00pm. I would be grateful if you could have your son/daughter met at the school at about **8.30pm**, which is our estimated arrival time back at the school.

Pupils should dress casually for the day but no football colours should be worn. The majority of the rides in the theme park are outdoors so it is strongly advised that everyone carries a rain jacket in case of inclement weather.

All pupils will receive a food voucher for £5 which can be redeemed at any of the cafes and stalls in the Pleasure Beach complex. If they wish, pupils can supplement this with money of their own, or, indeed, bring along a packed lunch. All rides are pre-paid so the only monetary requirement would be for lunch and snacks in the park and on the two motorway comfort stops.

The park is quite compact and totally enclosed so it is impossible for anyone to get lost and wander out of the vicinity. However, we will be instructing pupils to move around the complex in friendship groups of not less than three. School staff will be circulating throughout the park and there will be a constant staff presence at a base where pupils can go if they encounter any problems or difficulties. Additionally, all pupils will have to check in with the staff manning the central point at least once during our stay.

I hope this gives you a reasonably comprehensive picture of what to expect for your son/daughter during our outing, as well as reassuring you of their safety throughout the day. Hopefully, the trip will provide all of us with a good deal of fun and excitement and allow us to finish the session on a bright and happy note.

If there is anything further you wish to discuss about the outing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above phone number.

Yours faithfully

Vincent O'Donnell
Trip Organiser