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Dear Parent/Guardian

Connecting Classrooms Moroccan Trip 14-17 March 2012

As part of our ongoing 'Connecting Classrooms' partnership with Sidi Ou Sidi High School and Ibn Souleimane Roudani High School, in Taroudant, I am organising a trip to Morocco which will offer students an opportunity to experience Moroccan culture and lifestyle, and find out, first hand, how the Moroccan education system works. As the unofficial second language of Morocco is French, students will also have the opportunity to practise their French language skills.

The trip will be organised through Footloose Adventure Travel, which is ATOL protected and part of the Travel Trust Association and places are limited to 20.

The group will stay in two different types of accommodation. Firstly, we will have the opportunity to experience a traditional Moroccan riad, as the first night will be spent in Riad Hamdane, in Marrakesh. The Riad is located in the old part of the city and only a few minutes from the famous square and souks. For the rest of the trip, the group will stay in the Palais Salam Hotel, a large hotel created from a former palace, located in Taroudant, which is the town in which our partner schools are located.

Flights are from Manchester Airport to Marrakesh on Wednesday 14th March 2012 returning to Manchester Airport on Saturday 17th March 2012 at 11.45pm, arriving back at school during the early hours of Sunday morning.

There will be a packed itinerary of activities throughout the stay, which will include the following:

- A visit to the local tannery where pupils will discover how leather is made and will be able to purchase some hand made goods
- A walking tour of Marrakesh with an English speaking guide
- A trip to see how argon oil is produced. This oil is valued for its nutritive, cosmetic and numerous medicinal properties and the trees are only found in Morocco
- Time in our partner schools, meeting the other pupils who have been working on the 'Connecting Classrooms Project' and experience how lessons are taught in Moroccan schools
- A visit to a primary school in a local, rural village to learn how education is delivered in smaller villages

(Please note that these activities have been planned and provisionally booked but may change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control).

The total cost of the visit is £560, which includes flights, transport to and from Manchester airport, accommodation, all activities, visits and entrance fees listed above and insurance. This also includes breakfast and evening meals on all days except for the first evening. Spending money will be required for lunch each day, the evening meal on the first day, snacks/drinks and for souvenirs!

Educational visits organised by Rossett School are an optional yet invaluable part of school life, and this tour has been chosen to ensure that we maximise the educational, social and cultural benefits of such a visit. If this trip is oversubscribed a selection process will take place.

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting and valuable trip, please return the slip below to Mrs Quick in the Finance Office by **THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2011** together with a deposit of £100 (which will be returned should the trip be oversubscribed). If your child is successful in gaining a place please be aware that by signing the consent slip and paying the deposit, **YOU ARE AGREEING TO PAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TRIP (£560) AND WILL BE LIABLE TO PAY THE BALANCE (£460)**, irrespective of whether your child participates in the visit or not. Refunds of contributions to the visit and release from your liability to pay the full £560 can only be made if the circumstances of the withdrawal from the visit are covered by the travel insurance policy taken out to cover the event.

Please note that a second payment of £230 will be required by Monday 9 January 2012 and the balance of £230 will be due by Monday 6 February 2012. Of course, you can choose to make payments of smaller amounts before these dates, as long as the full payments that are required by each stage are met by the dates given.

I must make you aware that as the flights will be booked through a low cost airline, the flight price is not guaranteed until the booking is made. Therefore, the total price may increase. We hope this will not be the case and therefore ask that the completed slip and initial payment is sent as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 10 November.

Please make cheques payable to Rossett Green Charity and the name and form of your child should be written clearly on the back of the cheque.

It is essential that you send a photocopy of your child's passport, along with the slip and initial deposit. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel. British Nationals do not require a visa to enter Morocco, however if your child does not hold a British passport, they may require a visa and it is your responsibility to check whether this is the case.

If you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Haynes
Teacher of MFL

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I would like my child to participate in the visit to Morocco and enclose a deposit of £100.

Name of child: _____ Form: _____

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE NAME ENTERED HERE IS IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND MATCHES EXACTLY THE NAME ON YOUR CHILD'S PASSPORT. Any changes could incur an administration charge from the airline.

Date of birth: _____ Age at date of travel (14 March 2012): _____

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ (capitals)

I am aware, should my child be selected, that by paying the deposit **I am agreeing to pay the full amount of the trip, even if my child withdraws** (unless the reason is covered by the school's insurance policy).