



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

26th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Standards and Expectations- Summer Rewards Trips

We have some fantastic summer rewards trips planned during Curriculum Excellence Week for children who live out our core Values; Family, Faith and Excellence throughout the year. These trips are a valuable opportunity for our children to build memories, bond with their classmates, and experience new things outside the classroom. To ensure your child's eligibility for these trips, we would like to remind you of our school's standards and expectations concerning behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality. This is not just about earning a reward, but about creating a positive learning environment for everyone. How you can support your child:

- **Maintain the very highest standards of behaviour:** We expect all children to treat each other, teachers, and staff with respect and courtesy. This includes adhering to school rules, avoiding disruptive behaviour, and upholding our school's values
- **Follow the school uniform policy at all times:** Wearing the correct school uniform with pride promotes a sense of belonging and fosters a positive learning environment
- **Maintain the highest standards of attendance where possible:** Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and overall involvement in school life. Missing school disrupts learning and makes it difficult to fully participate in activities like the summer trips
- **Be on time to school and punctual to all lessons:** Starting the day right sets a positive tone and allows your child to participate fully from the beginning

By upholding these standards and expectations, your child creates a strong foundation for their academic journey and sets themselves up for exciting opportunities like the summer rewards trips. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and we encourage open communication regarding any challenges your child faces.

Summer reward trip selection criteria above will be at the discretion of Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team. For your reference, the school website provides detailed information on our [behaviour policy](#), [uniform guidelines](#), [attendance procedures](#). Please note, any child that has been suspended, either internally or externally, from school may not be able to attend any non-curricular trips, visits or events within that academic year. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

We value your partnership in ensuring a successful and rewarding school year for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Maidment
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