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Dear Parents,

Visit to The Houses of Parliament - 4th December 2017

We are very lucky to have been offered the chance to visit such an historical place and the home of the democratic process for our country but I do understand that there are some parents who are worried about their children visiting London at this time. With this in mind, I would like to share with you the itinerary for the day.

The coach will pick us up at school and drop us off at The Houses of Parliament - out of the rush hour period. The tour starts at 11.15 am and lasts for 2 ¼ hours. During that time the children will be visiting:

- The House of Commons or House of Lords chambers
- The public gallery to observe the MPs or Lords working
- Westminster Hall, the last remaining part of the original palace
- Central Lobby at the very heart of the Parliamentary Estate

Then they will undertake the workshop.

In order to enter the estate, we will need to go through an airport style security check and the children will be required to wear badges on lanyards throughout their time there.

We will be inside The Houses of Parliament for approximately 3-4 hours. This includes lunch as there is a room for us to gather in. Once we have finished lunch, we have the opportunity to look around the grounds - this does not involve us travelling further into London.

We will be picked up by the coach at 2.30pm - avoiding rush hour - and be back at school for approximately 5.30pm.

At no point will we be travelling on any public transport within London, nor will we be visiting any busy shopping areas or other tourist places. Access to the Houses of Parliament is restricted and as a result, tourists do not gather.

I hope this settles any anxiety you may have about the trip. It really is a fantastic opportunity for our children and this visit is heavily subsidised by the government. There are very few people who can say that they have visited and toured parliament due to the restrictions that are placed on visitors.

If you would like to talk to me further about this, please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Turner-Rowe
Head Teacher

