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Dear Parents/ Carers of children in Year 1

To support our Religious Education learning about other faiths, in the spring term we are going to visit Singers Hill Synagogue in Birmingham on Thursday 9th February 2023.

The trip will be for half a day. We will leave school at 9:20 a.m. and will arrive back to school at approximately 1.00 p.m.

The focus of the trip is to meet the learning outcomes of the Worcestershire Agreed Syllabus for RE within Year 1:

- **Make sense of belief:** Recognising the words of the Shema as a Jewish prayer.
- **Understand the impact:** Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times.
- **Make connections:** Talk about what they think is good about reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering for Jewish people, giving a good reason for their ideas.

The children will have an unforgettable experience of visiting one of the few grade two star listed Synagogues in the country and experience its history and splendour. The interior has recently been refurbished and the children will see many biblical scenes, events in recent Jewish history, festival depictions and symbols of the Jewish faith illustrated in the unique stained-glass windows. The guided tour will give a flavour of Judaism and explain many of the key elements of the Jewish faith.

Children will need a packed lunch as we will not arrive back in school for the children to receive a hot dinner. The children will need to wear full school uniform on this day. To respect the building and those that worship there, all boys are required to have their head covered while in the Synagogue, therefore could I please politely request that you send a hat or cap to school on the day of the visit for your son to wear.

The cost of the trip is £13.20 per child which covers transport and a bespoke guided tour of Singers Hill Synagogue. Please confirm on the electronic form that will be sent to you via ParentMail your consent for your child to attend and make your payment online via Payments4Schools no later than **January 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

If you have any questions or queries about this visit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Edmunds

