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Dear Parents and Carers,

Expression of Interest – Proposed Residential Trip to Colchester Castle ("Knightzzz at the Museum")

We are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity we are currently exploring for the children: an overnight residential sleepover experience at Colchester Castle, known as **"Knightzzz at the Museum."**

This immersive overnight trip offers a unique chance for the children to step back in time, explore the historic castle after hours, and take part in engaging, hands-on activities linked to our curriculum.

At this stage, we are gauging initial interest so we can confirm final numbers and secure a date with the museum. Please read the proposed details below carefully:

- **Proposed Dates:** We are looking at Thursday 18th March - Friday 19th March.
- **Timings & Format:** Unlike a standard day trip, the event begins in the afternoon. Children will travel to Colchester Castle by coach for a **3:00 PM arrival** and take part in a guided story tour, gallery exploration, object handling, crafts, and an evening quiz before sleeping in the castle galleries. We will depart the following morning at **9:15 AM**, returning to school during the morning.
- **Food & Drink:** As the castle does not have kitchen facilities for evening meals, children will need to have a hot lunch at school as normal before leaving and will need to bring a **packed picnic tea** for the evening. The museum will provide a bedtime snack (hot chocolate and cookies) and a buffet breakfast (fruit, pastries, yoghurt, and cereal bars) the next morning. All dietary requirements will be catered for.
- **Estimated Cost:** Depending on final pupil numbers and coach quotes, we anticipate the total cost to be **in the region of £60–£65 per child**. This covers the overnight event, evening snack, breakfast, and return coach travel.

Accessibility & Financial Support

We want every child to feel able to take part in enriching experiences like this. If your child has additional needs (SEND) or may find sleeping away from home challenging, please speak to us.

Next Steps

If you would like your child to attend this residential trip, please complete the google link by **Wednesday 2nd December.** Expressing interest at this stage does not commit you financially.

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Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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LKS2 Phase Leader & Class Teacher

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