

13th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Holi Festival 14th March

This term pupils have been learning about the Holi Festival. It is a festival that celebrates Spring, love and new life. As part of this learning, we would like them to experience a Holi festival. On the afternoon of Friday 14th March, Years 7 and 8 will be recreating a Holi festival on the school field. There will be a talk from our local Hindu representative, followed by music and decorating each other with paint powder. This will be the highlight of the event and will mirror a traditional Holi festival.

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement for your son to take part in the event and to ask for a voluntary contribution of £4.50 so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the festival on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the event may be cancelled. If your son qualifies for Pupil Premium and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (gds@rgshw.com).

We would like pupils to bring a spare set of old, ideally white clothes and shoes in a carrier bag on the day, ready for the Holi festival. The paint powder used is non-toxic corn starch and specifically designed for this purpose. These clothes will most certainly get covered in paint powder! The powder should wash out but we would like to remind parents there is a possibility of staining and to wear old clothes only. Please inform Matron matron@rgshw.com if your child has a corn allergy. If you do not wish your son to participate, after the external talk, there will be supervised private study whilst the other children celebrate.

This promises to be a really enlightening day!

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Headmaster