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Dear Parents/carers,

### **Y3 RHS Bridgewater Visit – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

We will be leaving school at 9.15am, so please bring your children at the normal drop off time and we will be back in time for afternoon pickup.

**Food and Drinks:** All children will need to bring their own packed lunch, snacks and a refillable water bottle. They will be able to eat either in an indoor lunch space (with access to toilets) or weather permitting in the outdoor picnic area, with toilets nearby.

### **RHS Bridgewater Workshop: Planting for the Planet**

During this fieldtrip, the children will participate in a 'Planting for the Planet' workshop, which will be run by the RHS Bridgewater Team in their bespoke Learning Studio. The workshop will start at 10:00am and will last 90 minutes. Their workshop will encourage the children to think about our impact on the environment and why plants are so important to the planet and their lives. Through interactive activities and demonstrations, they will find out about the important work RHS scientists are doing right now to protect our future. Pupils will spend time out in the woodland and Peel Learning Garden exploring the positive impact nature has on them and on the world around us. After observing and investigating their surroundings, pupils will make paper plant pots and plant seeds to improve green spaces back at school or at home. Any spare time afterwards will be spent exploring the gardens and sketching the flowers.

**Suitable clothing:** The programmes include outdoor experiences in the Garden. Please ensure that children are dressed sensibly for the weather, with suitable footwear (wellies or old trainers/shoes) and appropriate outdoor clothing (Forest School attire would be ideal) as it may get slightly muddy. All children will wear a school-provided high visibility tabard for the excursion. If the weather is bad, children will need to bring spare shoes/trainers, to change into for the return coach journey and a plastic bag to put muddy boots/shoes in.

**Sun Protection:** If we are lucky enough to have a warm, sunny day, please note that there is limited shade in the Walled Garden where it can become very hot during the summer so we strongly recommend that pupils bring re-fillable water bottles, hats and sunscreen. There are drinking water taps in both Learning Studios and a water fountain outside the Welcome Building entrance into the Garden.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Colossians 3:23*



RHS Bridgewater do not charge an entry fee for this workshop but ask that a donation of £3 per child is made to help with their continued work, which school will cover. The coach cost is £18.00 and there is a service for this on ParentPay; it can be paid in 2 instalments or in full. We would be grateful if this can be paid in full no later than Friday 10 May 2024.

If you have any question or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Slater