

## Christmas Market trips FAQs

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

If you have been asked to pay and you have paid, you have a place on the trip.

There will be a trip meeting at lunch time on Wednesday in the Hall – starting at 12.40. Please attend so I can speak to you all together ahead of the trip. If you are unsure if you have a place on the trip, please ask your parent/carer to email Ms Masters [dmasters@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:dmasters@sheldonschool.co.uk)

### **What do I wear?**

Wear warm clothes including a coat. We advise you to wear a hat, gloves and scarf as it will get colder when it gets dark. Come to school wearing your non uniform on the morning of the trip. Bring a bag with you for your lunch, money etc. There are not lots of places to get warm if you get cold. Sturdy shoes/trainers as we will be walking up and down the market.

### **What time do we leave?**

Students will be allowed to leave lesson 4, 5 minutes early. Use this time to go to the toilet as we will have approximately a 2 hour journey to Birmingham. We assemble at the coach for 12.20. Please do not be late.

### **What if I have changed my mind and don't want to go anymore?**

Please ask your parent/carer to email Ms Masters on the email above so that your place can be offered to another student.

### **What if I'm ill on the day?**

Please ask your parent/carer to state that you should have been on the trip when they ring the absence line to leave a message about your absence.

### **What about my lunch?**

Please bring a packed lunch on the day. If you receive a free school meal normally, a packed lunch will be provided for you. We will eat lunch on the coach when we leave. If you want to bring extra food for your dinner, that is fine. Please do not bring anything containing nuts or nut oil as we have someone travelling with us who has an allergy.

### **Can I bring my mobile?**

Yes, you will be given an emergency number for the teachers on the trip. Mobiles should not be used on the coach there because it's important to save your battery.

### **Can I spend time with my friends?**

Yes, you will choose the people you walk around the markets with. The rule is groups of 3 or 4 so if there is a problem, one person can get help. No big groups as that can be difficult to manage and some people may get split from the group.

### **What money should I bring?**

You can buy food at the Christmas Markets and this is part of the fun – trying things you haven't tried before. This is rather expensive and a Bratwurst (long sausage in a baguette) is £6 so factor that in to your spending money. You can of course bring extra sandwiches with you to cover your dinner. Some students like to do Christmas shopping and buy presents for friends and family. This is fine but you will be responsible for your own money so bring only the amount you could afford to lose! Keep your money safe and don't wave around notes.

### **What do I do if I need help?**

There will be staff on duty at the big Christmas tree throughout the trip and you will be asked to check in. If it's an emergency, use the school mobile number.

**How will I be able to spot the group/teachers?**

Each member of the group will wear hi-viz strips and the teachers will be in hi-viz jackets. Police are present at the markets also.

**What time do we come back?**

We aim to arrive back for 8pm. You will be able to text your parents/carer if we are going to be late. Ms Masters has a list of contacts for home if there is a problem.

Any questions not covered, please email Ms Masters [dmasters@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:dmasters@sheldonschool.co.uk)