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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Purple and Blue class

Purple and Blue class visit to Newcastle Castle Tuesday 02 June 2026

I am delighted to announce that we have arranged a visit for children in Purple and Blue class to **Newcastle Castle on Tuesday 02 June 2026.**

Purpose of the visit

During the first week back after the half term holiday, our **whole school topic** will be **Castles**. We are blessed to have so many amazing examples of castles in our part of the world. The children will be visiting **Newcastle Castle** to enrich their understanding of castles.

The children will travel to and from Newcastle using the public bus and then the train. During the morning, they will complete a workshop led by Newcastle Castle staff. The children will also take a guided tour of the castle to identify its features and compare them to other castles.

Timings

Children need to **arrive at school at 8:30am**. We will leave school as soon as registration has been completed. We will be travelling to Seaton Delaval by the public bus then from Seaton Delaval to Newcastle on the train. We need to leave on time to catch the bus from Chester Grove at 8:52am and the train at 9:24am, so cannot wait for late comers who may make us late for the bus and the train.

All children should be brought to the classroom as normal so they can be registered and use the toilet. Children cannot be brought to us at the bus stop or train station.

We aim to be back at school by home time, however, we are in the hands of public transport, so it may be slightly later depending on timings on the day.

Clothing

Children should wear their **school jumper or cardigan** with **non-uniform trousers or shorts**. Their clothes and footwear should be comfortable and suitable for spending at least some of the day outdoors. The children must have a waterproof coat.

They will need a water bottle and a rucksack so they can carry their things themselves and still have their hands free.

Cost per child

Bus to and from Seaton Delaval	£2.00
Train fair Seaton Delaval to Newcastle return ticket	£2.00
Food tour	£7.50
Total	£11.50

We are going to **subsidise the cost of the visit by £227.50** from our fundraising account so we are asking parents and carers for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00 per child** rather than £11.50 per child.

Lunch

Please provide your own packed lunch for your child. Please pack a couple of cartons of juice or small water bottles in addition to their water bottle so they have enough drinks to keep them going throughout the day. Please do the same with their lunch. Lots of little bits and pieces is much better than a couple of big things.

Next steps

Please pay £5.00 on School Gateway (Purple and Blue class Newcastle Castle visit 03 June 2026) then complete and return the attached permission slip by **Monday 01 June 2026**.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

Purple and Blue class visit to Newcastle Castle Friday 03 June 2026

Child's name		
Class		Purple class Blue class
Yes	No	I give permission for my child to visit Newcastle Castle on Tuesday 02 June 2026 and have paid £5.00 on School Gateway.
Emergency contact name		
Emergency contact number		

My child has the following medical conditions	
My child needs to take the following medication on the visit (only if prescribed by a doctor)	

Signed	
Date	

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