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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the success of our inaugural 'KS3 World Culture Day' in July 2024, we are delighted to be able to run this day once again this year with pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. On **Friday 4**th **July**, we will celebrate the wide range of cultures represented by pupils and staff at our school. We feel very proud to be a school community that is made up of over 35 different nationalities.

On Friday 4th July, instead of attending their usual timetabled lessons and following the published curriculum, pupils in KS3 will have the opportunity to experience different elements of world culture delivered by their teachers or external visitors. The day is intended to be a positive celebration of culture and therefore, we are inviting pupils to participate but also contribute to the day. Many pupils have already volunteered to contribute to the day by bringing in traditional food for their tutor groups or to teach their peers phrases in their native language, alongside activities such as sharing stories or poetry from another culture or showing off traditional dress.

Year 10 had the opportunity to participate last year when they were in Year 9, however this year, they are involved in CEIAG events at local colleges on this day and therefore, will benefit from those experiences.

For 'KS3 World Culture Day', we are welcoming and encouraging pupils to dress in their own clothes which could be traditional dress, a football shirt from their home nation or clothes in the colours of the flag of the country they wish to represent. Pupils who would like to attend in traditional dress have the choice of wearing these clothes to school or bringing the outfit to school where they can change in school at an appropriate time and in privacy.

Pupils will be given further details of the structure of the day itself when the timetable of events is finalised.

To celebrate the day, we are also looking to support an important charity. **Healing Little Hearts** is a charity where UK based children's heart surgeons, go to under developed countries and perform heart surgery on babies and children for free. The charity donations go towards the equipment and support staff that they need in order to carry out these operations. One of these surgeons is Dr Ramana Dhannapuneni from Alder hey Children's hospital in Liverpool. We therefore ask that **every child brings £1 as a donation on the day** to support this wonderful cause.

We believe that the day will be one of enjoyment and encompass our school Charisms of respect, tolerance and a true celebration of our diversity in school. We expect all pupils to embrace all that is diverse about our community.

Should you have any questions about the day, please feel free to contact the school via our reception.

Yours faithfully

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