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13 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you will already know, as part of our International School initiatives we are fortunate in having long-standing links with another school in the city of Shanghai in China. The Wei Yu Experimental School is situated at the heart of central Shanghai in the Xuhui District – famed for its educational expertise and university.

This link has been developed to allow students from Finham Park and Finham Park 2 to develop their understanding of what it is to live in a world where globalisation ideology will be key to their own success and that of their country in the future. In addition to this we know that developing close links with a Chinese school allows our students to share curriculum projects in a diverse range of subject areas and communicate with their peers – ultimately in Mandarin Chinese! Our visit allows students to access and understand aspects of life in modern China that would not normally be accessible to tourists from the UK.

This programme links closely to Finham Park School's 'Confucius Classroom' status.

I have managed to secure permission to take a group of students from Finham Park and Finham Park 2 to Shanghai during October 2020 (provisional dates are Saturday 17 October-Tuesday 27 October 2020). The visit will be coordinated by Mr Bailie (Executive Headteacher).

During the visit we will work with Wei Yu Experimental School to deliver a joint project involving our students leading activities for their Chinese peers – culminating in a festival or exhibition of their work – this year the focus will be on Drama and the Arts. Our students will have opportunities to take part in a range of visits. Past destinations have included Yu Yuan Garden; The Shanghai World Financial Centre; traditional market shopping; Jade Buddha Temple; People's Square; Shanghai Museum; and the Pearl TV Tower to name but a few!

Clearly this is an outstanding opportunity for your child to travel to China as part of Finham Park's biannual visit to our partner school.

To proceed with our plans, I will need an indication of interest. I am currently trying to secure additional sponsorship to support the trip. Clearly any funding we are able to raise before October 2020 will go toward the total cost of the trip and will reduce the cost for each individual student. Students will be selected according to their leadership potential and suitability to support project delivery.

At this stage I would ask for a commitment of £1600 per student.

This cost will cover the following:

- Travel visas for China
- Travel insurance





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- Flights between London Heathrow and Shanghai Pudong airports (Airline to be confirmed – this has always been either Virgin Atlantic or Emirates in the past)
- Hotel accommodation with ensuite facilities in central Shanghai – students will share twin room accommodation
- All meals during the visit
- Entry to all Shanghai attractions such as the Shanghai World Financial Centre Building; Yuyuan Garden in the Old Town; Shanghai Museum etc.

Our proposed itinerary will include:

Saturday 17 October – Flight to Shanghai Pudong Airport

Sunday 18 October – Arrive in Shanghai. Transfer to Tian Ping Hotel for the duration of our stay. Students will share twin bedded rooms. Check in and rest. Students and staff will walk to local shopping centres, parks and restaurant for dinner.

Monday 19 October – Wei Yu Experimental School - Tour of the school and introductions "Getting to know you" activities for Student Leaders / Lesson observations. Welcome Dinner hosted by our Chinese school in the evening

Tuesday 20 October - Wei Yu Experimental School - Student Leaders share ideas / sessions with Chinese students / visit to a Chinese High School

Wednesday 21 October - Wei Yu Experimental School - Festival delivered by Student Leaders using the skills they have developed and Grand Finale

Thursday 22 October – Shanghai site-seeing activity for Finham Park students

Friday 23 October – Shanghai - Cultural activity for Finham Park students. This will involve visits to both ancient and modern areas of the city

Saturday 24 October – Visit to traditional Chinese water town: Site-seeing activity for Finham Park students

Sunday 25 October – 21st Century Shanghai - Site seeing activity for Finham Park students

Monday 26 October – Activities & visits organised by Wei Yu Experimental School

Tuesday 27 October – students travel to Shanghai Pudong Airport. Depart on flight to UK

Please would you register interest for your son/daughter on the Finham Park 2 visit to Shanghai by completing the form at the bottom of this letter. Please return it to Mrs J Brake by Friday 24 January 2020.

Final payment in full will be expected by Friday 11 September 2020. The final group for Shanghai 2020 will be announced by Friday 14 February and a deposit of £400 for those successful should be made payable to 'Finham Park School' and received by Monday 24





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February 2020. If you have further questions, or would like to hear more about the programme, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs J Brake via the school office or my PA, Ms Sam Jannaway on 02476 840803.

It is also very important that you note the following new visa requirements:

For any child under 18 going to China, ALL the following documentation is now required:

Parent who signs the Chinese Visa application form must provide a copy of their own passport to support this, along with a copy of their child's FULL (long) birth certificate; this must be the original.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bailie
Executive Headteacher





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REPLY SLIP: TRIP TO SHANGHAI, CHINA – OCTOBER 2020

Please return to Student Services by Friday 24 January 2020 FAO Mrs J Brake

I would like _____(name) to join the Finham Park 2 visit to Shanghai and commit to paying £400 toward the total cost when their place is confirmed and the full balance by Friday 11 September 2020.

I confirm that my son/daughter holds/will hold a full and current UK passport valid until April 2021 & I can comply with the visa requirements detailed above.

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

