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Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Dear Year 5 Parents and Guardians,

Year 5 Learning Day at St Gregory's Catholic School on Tuesday 2nd April.

Both Year 5 classes will be attending a taster of secondary learning at **St Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XL**. In previous years, children have attended Skinners' Kent Academy for this visit, and the day has proved extremely successful giving children an idea of the size and bustle of a secondary school day and is a valuable experience for your son/daughter.

This event is free and will take place during the school day. However, in order to not charge parents for transport, we need parents to drop off their child **at St Gregory's at 9.10am**, and collect them at **2.10pm**. Please note that St Gregory's ask that parents *'do not to come on site but park in the car park at the top of Yew Tree Road and walk in via Reynolds Lane. The car park is free for 2 hours but parents will need to display a ticket. They may be able to park in Reynolds Lane but it can get busy. They will need to do the same at pick up time.'*

Bishops Down staff will be waiting to meet your child at the Reception area at St Gregory's from 9am. We are aware that there may be siblings to take to school, and so strongly suggest that you car share where possible please.

The children will experience three different lessons in the morning, and then a further lesson after lunch, all delivered by St Gregory's school staff. Year 5's own classroom staff will be on hand at all times to support the children.

Children should if possible bring a packed lunch, but if they need to buy a school lunch, they should bring £2.50 with them (correct money) which will buy them a main meal and pudding, but no drink – there is plenty of water to refill water bottles. You will also need to let **our** school office know by Monday morning, 1st April if your child will need to buy lunch. Children who receive free school meals can be provided with a meal; again please let **our** office know in advance.

Pupils should wear correct full school uniform and bring a pencil case, coat, and filled water bottle.

They will also need to bring trainers, and if they have the correct boots (moulded) for the 3G artificial sports pitch, they should bring these too – ONLY if they have them. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Please ensure that if your child normally has medication in school, e.g. asthma inhaler, that they take it from home directly to St Gregory's as the medication kept in the classrooms will stay at Bishops Down.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Owen".

Mrs K Owen

Y5 Class Teacher