



28 May 2025

TRIP TO THE ALTON TOWERS RESORT – LETTER TWO

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been allocated a space for this year's Alton Towers trip to take place on Thursday 3 July 2025. Although I am sure that all pupils involved will have a great time, there are several factors that should be considered before the school trip takes place.

Timings

We have a long journey to Alton Towers and it is important that the buses leave at the designated times. I ask that all pupils arrive at the school for 4:40 a.m., giving us enough time to get the pupils onto the coaches, and carry out the proper procedures before we depart. This is also the case when departing the resort. I ask you to reiterate the importance to your child that they must follow the itinerary as instructed to make sure the trip and the timings run smoothly.

- 4:40 am – Pupils should arrive at Lockerbie Academy
- 5:00 am – Coaches depart Lockerbie Academy
- 7:00 am – Toilet break at services
- 9:00 am – Arrive at the Alton Towers resort
- 5:30 pm – Depart the Alton Towers resort
- 7:30 pm – Toilet break at services
- 9:30 pm – Arrive back at Lockerbie Academy

Payment

- Bacs/Bank Transfer – Please use the bank details below to pay directly into our bank account:
Account Name - Lockerbie Academy School Fund
Account Number - 00574985
Sort code (UK) - 80-08-88
Please use appropriate reference i.e. Surname and trip
- Credit/Debit card at the school office.
Please note that there will be an additional charge of 1.75% when paying by card which is the charge made by our card machine provider.

Please be assured that we will still accept cash payments if this is your preferred method of payment. Your child will now be issued with a medical/consent form. Can this and all forms of payments please be received by Friday 6 June 2025.



Coaches

There will be three coaches containing the pupils and staff members. Miss Currie will be responsible for Coach 1 (S1), Mr Crossan Coach 2 (S2), and Mr Williamson Coach 3 (S3). Pupils should make sure that they are on the correct coach with their allocated teachers.

Clothing

All pupils should wear clothes suited for outdoor weather. Alton Towers is an outdoor resort and it is highly possible that your child could get wet, especially if they are planning on riding the water rides. I suggest that your child arrives at the coaches wearing comfortable clothing, but may want a change of clothes if they get wet to travel home.

Arrangements

Alton Towers is a secure resort and your child will not be able to wander out of the complex alone. With this in mind, it is planned to allow your child to spend the day with their friends, unsupervised by staff but they will be asked to report for a check in at an allocated space and time. Your child will also be issued with a phone number to get in contact with a member of staff if any problem arises. I understand that some parents may prefer that their child has an adult helper, and if this is the case please do not hesitate in contacting me and this can be arranged.

Food

Pupils may bring food for the coach and also a packed lunch. This can then be brought into the resort and used when needed. Alternatively, there are a number of fast food restaurants in Alton Towers that can be used; however your child will need money for them.

Accessories

Your child will be issued with a phone number to contact myself if any problem arises. With this in mind it may be practical for your child to carry a mobile phone with them. However any extra accessory (hand-held electronic games etc.) that your child chooses to bring to the resort will be under their care, and neither the Alton Towers resort nor the school will take responsibility if these are stolen or broken. These things however can be stored in bags and left on the coaches.

Behaviour

Lockerbie Academy is proud that our pupils display our school values and aims on school trips, Alton Towers is no different. Pupils are expected to be well behaved on the coaches and inside the resort. If there are any cases of inappropriate behaviour from your child while on this trip, then this may result in them being removed from the resort and spend the remainder of their time on the coach. This behaviour will also be dealt with severely on their return to school.

For more information visit the website <https://www.altontowers.com/schools/> or contact myself and I will be more than happy to deal with any enquiry. I thank you for taking the time to read through this letter and I greatly look forward to accompanying your child to the Alton Towers resort.

Yours faithfully

C. Williamson

Principal Teacher Pupil Support/Trip leader