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Dear Parent/Carer,

Football Development Tour, Feyenoord Rotterdam

I am currently organising the annual Icknield football tour for Years 8, 9 & 10, and would like to invite your child to travel with us to Feyenoord Rotterdam Football Club in The Netherlands. This will be the school's fourth tour following more recent excursions to Glasgow Celtic and Athletic Bilbao and it sees us returning to the venue of our first ever football tour. The emphasis of the trip would be on high quality coaching at top-class facilities, provided by the Dutch Premier League (Eredivise) club.

The trip, overseen by the touring agents 'Inspiresport', would involve leaving school by coach late afternoon on Friday 26 October 2012, travelling to Rotterdam on the overnight ferry from Harwich. Upon arrival the students would benefit from three full days of football coaching at Feyenoord's training ground from their full-time coaching staff. Students would also take part in a match against Dutch opposition.

Students would stay at the 4 star Ridderkirk Hotel on the Saturday & Sunday nights, travelling back to the UK on the overnight crossing, returning to school on the morning of Tuesday 30 October.

Other activities during the visit include a tour of Feyenoord's De Kuip stadium and a visit to their club shop, the annual Crossbar Challenge and scheduled evening activities. All meals during the trip are provided including an evening meal on the outward boat journey and breakfast on the return voyage. Also included in the cost of the tour are travel insurance and a range of personalised football training kit which students will be able to use in PE lessons following the tour. In addition we have the services of a resident Inspiresport tour coordinator throughout our stay. We also hope to be able to attend that weekend's Feyenoord match, though this is not included in the cost.

The cost of the tour is £620 and is based on at least 22 students travelling, students will need to travel on their own passport. If we cannot raise sufficient interest the trip will not run and all deposits will be refunded. If you would like your child to go on the tour, please return the attached reply slip with a deposit of £100 to the Resource Centre by **Monday 20 February 2012**. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 40 places available. **If we do receive sufficient interest, the deposit and all subsequent instalment payments become non-refundable.** The remainder payment schedule requires £130 by Monday 19 March, £130 by Tuesday 1 May, £130 by Friday 1 June, and the balance of £130 by Friday 6 July.

I consider this to be a wonderful opportunity for your child and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me here at school. Alternatively Inspiresport, who are official partners of the English Schools Football Association, have a website at www.inspiresport.com.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Murphy
PE Department
Head of Year 7 & Primary Transition

