**Lifepath Brinkburn 2022**

**Pilgrim Guides Information**

Early arrival on site ensures a stress free start to the day – aim to be on site by 8.45am (parked up by 8.30am sorry!)

* Park at car park and walk down to priory – **9.00am TEAM BRIEFING AND PRAYER TIME!**
* Leave personal belongings at team station
* Collect habit and badge
* Collect group folder and check contents:
* Register/list of names
* Labels and marker pen
* Timetable for day
* Pencils/sharpener/rubber
* Site Map
* Fact Sheet
* Hot Drinks Ordering Form
* Collect enough workbooks for your group
* Collect your group name banner and packed lunch bags

If you have done all this and you have time now would be a good time to nip to the loo!!

9:30 Back up to car park to meet the children as they arrive

* While you’re waiting complete the name labels
* **All children remain on buses until all buses have arrived**
* Find your group and introduce yourself – welcome them with a smile ☺
* Issue name labels
* Collect packed lunches into team bags
* Tell them the name of their group and make up a chant for the procession
* You will be told when to begin your walk down to the priory

When you arrive at the priory you will be shown where to sit – depending on seating available adults may need to stand. If we have enough seats try and ensure adults sit on the ends of the rows (wall ends) so children are able to see to the front of the church.

**The Bells The Bells!!** You need to be very aware of the bells.

* 1st bell to begin the workshop
* 2nd bell 5 minutes before the end of each workshop – at this point everyone must be silent for 30 seconds.
* 3rd bell will sound and the workshop continues for the remaining 4minutes.
* 4th bell sounds to mark the end of the workshop.

Pilgrim Guide Time

Providing we are running to schedule you now have 10 minutes group time – use this time to

* talk to your group – what have they learnt?/have they any questions?/what can they see?/how do they feel? Etc etc
* toilets only if absolutely necessary
* enjoy the beautiful surroundings

To ensure smooth running of the day please try to leave your workshop when the final bell sounds, make your way towards your next workshop and wait nearby until next bell sounds. Workshop leaders need time to clear up and set up again.

Encourage the children to walk everywhere – this is particularly important if the ground is wet as certain areas can be very slippy.

Workbooks - If you have children who have finished the activity they were doing in the workshop use the workbook to keep them entertained until all the group is finished. We have decided against using them in Pilgrim Guide time as it has proved too time consuming. The workbooks are really intended as a take home reminder of the day.

Toilets – we try and keep toilet visits to lunch time and we usually send each group up in turn to avoid lengthy queues. Only school staff should accompany children to toilets.

Water- water will be available if any of the children are particularly thirsty but again we try to keep refreshments for the lunch break. This obviously will depend on the temperature on the day.

Do not underestimate your role! How you respond to these children could well determine just how good their day turns out to be and throughout it all we are all to be a living example of the love of Christ. Ultimately discipline remains with the school staff – however you are in charge of your group and they must listen to your instructions.

It can sometimes be very tempting to start to “preach” a little when we have a captive audience. That is not the purpose of Lifepath – if you are asked questions about your own personal beliefs then answer honestly; refer to the beliefs of St Oswald and the monks of Brinkburn. We are simply introducing these children to Jesus through the Lifepath of St Oswald and our own Lifepath of faith and that is often the clearest way to spread the gospel.