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Dear Parent/Carer

Gideons Bible Talk to S1 Pupils

As you may be aware, there is a long tradition of representatives of the Gideons coming to our school to speak to our S1 pupils about the Christian message and to provide each with their own copy of the New Testament. I appreciate that this event reflects our country's Christian heritage, but am also conscious of the number of our families who profess other or no religious belief.

I brought this issue to a Parent Council meeting and parent representatives agreed with me that from now on this would be better as an 'opt-in' event. I am therefore asking parents who would like their child to attend to complete and return the tear-off slip below. **Please note that only pupils for whom the school has been provided with a consent form will attend this event.**

The Gideons Society is a well-known organisation and information about them is easily accessible. However, for your information I am providing the following extract from their website which should give you with some sense of the organisation's aims and approach:

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

We believe distributing copies of God's Word plants powerful seeds God can use according to His own timing (I Corinthians 3:6), allows many to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32), provides a lasting witness (Hebrews 4:12), and makes it easier for those we reach to boldly spread the Good News (II Timothy 2:2).

If you have any queries regarding this event, please contact Mrs Gatehouse, Depute Headteacher.

Yours faithfully

John Devine
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Please return this slip to the school office or appropriate registration teacher by Friday 26th October.

I would like my son/daughter _____ to attend the Gideons talk.

Parent/carer signature: _____