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Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2017.

Re GCSE Geography fieldwork.

As you are aware your son/daughter has opted to study GCSE Geography. In class we have been completing units relating to the Physical and Human geography of the UK.

Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the GCSE Geography course, all pupils have to undertake two whole days' fieldwork; one involving UK Physical Geography (Rivers) and the other UK Human Geography (Urban). These fieldwork days relate directly to the taught content and will be assessed as part of their final exams.

In order to facilitate the data collection needed for the human fieldwork we have arranged a days' fieldwork for our GCSE Geographers:

Tuesday 10th October Option D (Mrs Buchanan)

Thursday 12th October Option A set 3 (Mr Heeley)

Monday 16th October Option A set 2 (Ms Haskins)

Tuesday 17th October Option A set 1 (Mrs Buchanan)

Monday 30th October Option C (Mr Chidziya) plus half of Option A set 5 (Miss Veale)

Thursday 2nd November Option A set 4 (Mr Dey) plus half of Option A set 5 (Miss Veale)

The Geographical Investigation will take the form of an Urban Study. We are investigating how and why the quality of life varies in urban areas. During Topic 5 UK Human, pupils studied Birmingham as a case study of a UK city. Our investigation will visit 3 different sites radiating from the centre of Birmingham; an inner city area (Ladywood), suburban area (Harborne) and a rural-urban fringe (Romsley, Worcestershire). We also hope to drive through Birmingham CBD to re-cap some of the content we have covered in class.

The pupils will be completing environmental score cards and completing interviews in the form of questionnaires, as well as completing field sketches, site descriptions and taking photos at each site. They will be working in teams and we will complete a preparation lesson before the trip so they are competent with the fieldwork techniques used. The department will also provide clipboards. Pupils will need to take a packed lunch, warm/waterproof clothing and suitable footwear. We do not expect them to wear school uniform. In addition, we are allowing pupils to take their mobile phones with them for the fieldtrip (if they so wish). These will be needed for the pupils to take pictures of the sites visited. Obviously, the mobile phones are the pupils' responsibility and are taken at their own risk. Staff will have school digital cameras to take photographs of the different urban areas visited. As fieldwork and data collection are a compulsory part of the GCSE Geography course and in view of the educational nature of the fieldwork all transport costs will be covered by the school.



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Due to the nature of the work to be carried out there may be times when your son or daughter will be supervised in accordance with the DFEE's guidelines on remote supervision and as part of these measures all pupils will be issued with an emergency contact telephone number, although change for telephones cannot be provided by the school. Pupils will be working in groups (minimum of 4) at all times and a member of staff will always be close by. At such times as these, pupils will be expected to behave in a sensible and mature manner as will be outlined to them at the start of the day.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in the visit, please fill out the proforma below and return it, along with the AB form, as soon as possible to your child's Geography teacher. Please be advised that according to the requirements of the new GCSE Geography course, it is a required element that all pupils complete 2 full days of fieldwork away from the school site.

We will leave school at approximately 9.15am and hope to return to school by 3.30pm (depending on traffic).

If you have any queries, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Buchanan
Head of Geography

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I wish my son/daughter to take part in the proposed visit to Birmingham and surrounding area on:

Tuesday 10/10/17, Thursday 12/10/17, Monday 16/10/17, Tuesday 17/10/17, Monday 30/10/17, Thursday 2/11/17 (please delete as applicable).

I have read and understood the letter detailing the type of work to be carried out by the pupils taking part in the trip and agree to remote supervision on this trip.

Pupils name Form

Signed Date

(Parent/Guardian)



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