

## **Holy Family Catholic High School**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the Geography GCSE course we have arranged a fieldwork visit starting at Ainsdale sand dunes and continuing down the coast to Crosby Marina for <u>THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October</u> for Y11 Geography students. We will be leaving school at <u>9 am</u> and will return by <u>2:45 pm</u>.

The purpose of the fieldwork is for pupils to investigate coastal sea defences and how sand dunes develop and change from the beach to their final position inland. Pupils will sit an exam at the end of Y11 where they will be expected to answer questions about their fieldwork. Therefore, this is a **compulsory field visit**, as it is a requirement to fulfil the course.

On the day students are to wear their own clothes but sensible clothing is required as all of the primary data will be collected outside. Flat shoes or trainers for easy walking are **essential**. For the day students will need a pen, pencil, and a camera or camera phone would also be useful. Students **MUST** bring a packed lunch and drink(s), as there are limited options to purchase food. A hot drinks van / ice cream is sometimes there.

Students are to arrive at school at the normal time, and attend registration. Once they have received their mark, they must line up in class sets as they would for assembly. We will then leave at <u>9 am</u> so it is essential pupils arrive on time to school. The bus will return for <u>2:45pm</u>. There is a cost only for transport for this field visit as other materials and teaching will be provided by Holy Family. A voluntary contribution is asked of £6 for the visit to go ahead.

If your child receives free school meals the field visit will be paid via government funding, as the day is compulsory in order to complete the GCSE course, a packed lunch is also provided for your child. Please make your payment using Scopay, which can be found on the school website. Payment also gives permission for your child to attend. You can also sign the reply slip at the bottom.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V.K. Lee

Head of Geography

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Geography field visit to the Sefton coast on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. \_\_\_\_\_\_ signed