

14 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Wycoller Beck Geography Field Trip – June 2021

I am pleased to offer Year 9 and Year 10 Geography pupils the opportunity to complete the first of their fieldwork skills trips.

We will be ensuring that pupils travel and work within their existing bubbles. Pupils will also be asked to use the lateral flow devices (LFD) and confirm a negative Covid test in the two days prior to the trip.

The main aims of the visit are to encourage pupils to study a river landscape first-hand and allow each to develop skills in measuring, observing and recording how features change along the long profile of a river. The work will greatly enhance their knowledge and understanding of how a river flows.

We will be travelling with each teaching group in two or three minibuses. Pupils are to arrive to school no later than 8.30am and meet in their year group areas. If a pupil is late, they will unfortunately miss the essential fieldwork as we will not be able to transfer them to different date due to Covid bubble restrictions. The trips will take place within the school day, leaving at 8:45am and returning by 3:10pm, in time for the school buses. At Priory, we believe in trying to maximise the learning experience of each pupil so the groups will be small and each supported by teachers and trainees keen to help the pupils.

YEAR CLASS

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| 10 | A | 08-Jun TUESDAY |
| 10 | B | 16-Jun WEDNESDAY |
| 10 | C | 11-Jun FRIDAY |

The pupils will go in minibuses allowing for class bubbles to be maintained and they will be sat next to those whom they sit with in class.

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| 9 | E3/E2 | 25-Jun THURSDAY |
| 9 | 9W2/9W3 | 26-Jun FRIDAY |
| 9 | W1 | 21-Jun MONDAY |
| 9 | E1 | 15-Jun TUESDAY |



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The cost of the trip, including a GCSE Geography guide is £6. If you would like your child to attend, please make this payment online via the SCOPay system*.

Pupils should wear their own clothes and ensure that they have warm layers. A hat is advised, wellingtons and a waterproof coat are essential. Pupils must bring a packed lunch as there are no shops to buy food or drinks. Pupils should have a shoulder bag/small rucksack to store their packed lunch, phone for taking fieldwork photos, provided folder, biro and pencil.

Pupils will be outside for the day, however there are toilet facilities available. If the weather or river conditions are poor then an alternative date will be offered.

Pupils are not allowed to move across from one group to another as we will be working through a series of GCSE talks and group work projects in lessons after the trip. All of the work undertaken is part of the GCSE Geography course.

Later in the year we will also undertake a coastal study trip combined with a visit to Liverpool.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography

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REPLY SLIP: WYCOLLER RIVER STUDY TRIP JUNE 2021 (Please return to Geography teacher)

Name of pupil Class/Form

I give permission for my child to attend the Wycoller Beck River Study Trip.

I have made an online payment* via SCOPay of £6 to cover the cost of the trip and the printed GCSE Geography book.

Signed (Parent) Date

Emergency Contact

Updates to Medical Information _____

Please note asthma sufferers or pupils requiring medication must bring a spare inhaler/medication and hand the named/labelled items to Mr Metcalfe.

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