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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Hurst Castle Spit

Your daughter will be completing the second part of the compulsory fieldwork element of the GCSE course this term. This fieldwork will study coastal processes at Hurst Castle Spit and will take place on either <u>Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th July</u> depending on the class she is in.

Mrs Smith & Ms Royle's Classes Tuesday 10th July
Mrs Kemp, Mrs Holland & Mr Marrison's Classes Wednesday 11th July

We will be leaving school at 08.30 and returning by 17.00 and we will be travelling with Reading & Wokingham Coaches. Your daughter will be expected to carry out a range of data collection techniques on the spit. Your daughter will be working as part of a small group on these techniques with staff in close proximity. As we will be by the sea, it is very important that your daughter follows the instruction of staff fully and immediately. We always emphasise the importance of safety during fieldwork to our students and I am sure that you will also want to reinforce this message with your daughter as well.

Your daughter will need to be appropriately equipped for a full day of fieldwork. She should bring with her:

- A packed lunch and drink
- A clipboard and pencil
- A waterproof coat
- Comfortable footwear
- If your daughter has access to a camera this would be very useful
- Any necessary medication e.g. inhaler.

To cover costs, including insurance, we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £13.50. We require voluntary contributions from parents to make the trip viable, as normal school resources could not cover these costs. However, it is an excellent educational opportunity and we hope you will be willing to support the trip. In case of severe financial hardship please contact Ms Royle, Assistant Headteacher who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help, or to discuss the situation.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail <u>j.gale@holt.wokingham.sch.uk.</u> In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

Payment for the trip will be deemed as your giving consent. However, *if the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child*, then please give your consent here https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PP2017-18 and do not make a payment.

The deadline for this trip is **Friday 22nd June**. Please ensure you have made payment, or in the case of Pupil Premium, given consent by this date.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Marrison Head of Geography