

January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Rushall Farm Visit – February 2018

The next unit of study in Year 7 Geography is 'Food Supply' and we would like to give the students a chance to investigate this topic further by visiting Rushall Farm, Bradfield. We will have the opportunity to look at crop types, organic farming methods, farm animals and the different machinery employed. Tractor rides are often available and there may be an opportunity to feed the lambs. The tutor groups will visit the farm on the following days:

Monday 26 th February	-	7L & 7S
Tuesday 27 th February	-	7C, 7G & 7H
Wednesday 28 th February	-	7T & 7W

We will leave school at 9.00 am and return before 3.30 pm on each day. Transport will be provided by Reading & Wokingham coaches which are fitted with seat belts.

We will need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £19 per student. This will include transport by coach, insurance and guided tours of the farm. Your daughter will need to be suitably dressed; wellington boots and a waterproof coat would be desirable and she must also bring a packed lunch. If she has access to a clipboard this would also be useful. Although the contribution is voluntary, we will be unable to go ahead with the trip if insufficient contributions are made. 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 j.gale@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. 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 9th February**. Please ensure you have made payment or in the case of Pupil Premium, given consent by this date.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Morrison
Head of Geography