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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

22 June 2018

RE: GCSE Geography Field Trip to The River Eea in the Lake District

Thursday 5 July

As part of the key Stage 4 curriculum, the geography department is required to offer fieldwork opportunities to develop a range of geographical skills whilst learning outside the classroom. The fieldwork is a fundamental part of the GCSE specification, as students are expected to use the information they gather to answer questions on both the fieldwork enquiry itself and the River Eea as a case study example.

The third examination your son/daughter will sit is called 'Geographical Applications'. Part of this examination requires the student to answer questions regarding the fieldwork enquiry they have undertaken. Areas will include methodologies, results analysis, conclusions and evaluations. The information the students collect will be in addition to fieldwork they will collect when they are in fifth year. Both fieldwork days will be fundamental to the successful completion of the GCSE geography course.

A fieldtrip has been organised to the River Eea, in the Lake District, on Thursday 5 July. During the visit the group will be undertaking an investigation into how a river changes from source to mouth. They will be collecting river data using a variety of collection methods to enable them to write up an independent fieldwork investigation on their return to school. The students will be provided with a data collection booklet to complete whilst on the trip, therefore they must bring writing equipment with them on the day.

Students will be required to wear appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for a full day outside, as weather conditions can be unpredictable and footpaths can be uneven. This includes trainers or walking boots and a waterproof jacket; students should carry a small rucksack with sun cream, drinks bottle and a packed lunch. No cropped tops or short shorts are to be worn. If your son/ daughter would like to go into the river (it is a shallow river), they will be required to bring wellington boots. This is not essential, as someone in each working group will have a pair. Students will be representing the school, so exemplary behaviour is expected. This includes following all expectations of a usual school day, including the no mobile phone policy.

The coaches will depart from Ripon Grammar School at **8.00am on Thursday 5 July** and will **return to school at approximately 5.00pm**.

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As the times are outside of the normal school day we would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the students are safely dropped off and picked up at these times.

The total cost of the trip is **£15.00**; this is required by **Thursday 28 June 2018**. Our preferred method of payment for this trip is via ParentPay. In addition I require written consent for the trip and would ask you to complete and return the slip at the end of this letter. This should be handed in to your son/daughter's geography teacher.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in preparing the students for this vital fieldwork. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the trip. Moreover, if there are any issues concerning payment please contact me at school in confidence, as some families may be entitled to financial support keelan-edwardsh@ripongrammar.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Keelan-Edwards
Deputy Headteacher and Trip Leader



Field Trip to the River Eea, Thursday 5 July 2018

I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the above visit and enclose the payment of **£15.00**.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Student's name Form

Emergency contact details:

If not you are not paying via ParentPay please return this form and payment to Mrs Grime in Room 16 at break by Thursday 28 June 2018.

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