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Dear Parent or Guardian

### **GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE – PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

The A Level geography field course will be held during the week **Monday 20th April – Thursday 23rd 2020**. The course will be based at The Blencathra Field Centre, Threlkeld, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4SG. Tuition will be carried out by school and centre based staff.

As students were informed prior to opting for the course, it is **compulsory** for students taking A Level geography to complete **4 days** of fieldwork. The skills they will be taught and the data that they will collect on this trip will enable them to complete their independent field study investigation which is **20% of their A Level grade**. The field study is carried out in the Lake District as it gives students a broader choice of field study sites linked to glaciation, hydrology, carbon cycles and urban environments. After careful consideration, it was believed completing the 4 days in one stay would be the most effective option. A parents meeting will be held before the trip departs which will give details of the itinerary and provide the opportunity to ask any questions.

Provisional estimates indicate the total cost to be around £332.00 which includes all day and evening tuition, transport to the field centre by coach, accommodation, all food, insurance and the use of the centre minibus whilst at the field centre. Where hardship exists some financial assistance may possibly be given and in this event parents are asked to get in touch directly with the Head of Sixth Form by letter in the first instance, and they may be assured that their enquiry will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The field study centre requires a **non-refundable deposit of £30** to confirm our booking via ParentPay. Should you give your consent to your child joining this visit, **please return the attached consent form in a sealed envelope to Ms Mason in Main Reception**. For parents not using the ParentPay facility, a cheque should be included with the form. The envelope should be marked clearly with the name and tutor group of your child and the destination and date of the educational visit. The deadline date for the deposit and consent is **Tuesday 12th November 2019**. Subsequent payments can also be made using Parentpay in instalments whereby the total cost must be paid up to 8 weeks before arrival. Further information on instalment deadlines, itinerary and timings will be distributed this term and letters will remind you when payment instalments are due.

Yours faithfully

**Geography Department**  
**KEVI Lichfield**

**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT – Blencathra Geography April 2020**  
**Please complete this form and return it to Ms L Mason in Main Reception**

1. **Visit to**.....  
 From **Date**..... **Time**..... To **Date**..... **Time**.....

2. **Medical details.** My son/daughter has the following medical or special needs. ....  
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I understand that for residential visits I must complete and return a medical form, with up to date details, not more than fourteen days before the visit.

3. **Dietary details.** My son/daughter has the following dietary needs. ....  
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4. **Insurance.** I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

5. **Transport.** I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

6. **Return to Home.** I understand the predicted time of return and where this is outside normal school hours I will attend to collect my son/daughter or my son/daughter will be returning home by.....

7. **Water Activities and Swimming.** For visits that involve water activities and/or swimming my son/daughter's swimming ability and consent to partake is (tick boxes): -

<b>Non-swimmer</b>	
<b>Swim less than 50 metres</b>	
<b>Swim 50 metres or more</b>	
<b>I consent to my son/daughter undertaking the water activities and swimming notified in the visit programme.</b>	
<b>I consent to my son/daughter swimming in open water</b>	

8. **Financial Contribution.** I am making a voluntary contribution of £..... which I either A) have sent via ParentPay, B) enclose

9. **Photographs.** Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or education service promotional information. Please answer Yes or No .....

**I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour**

Name of son/daughter ..... Class .....

Signed..... Date.....

**Once completed please return this form in a sealed envelope to Mrs Bayliss in Main Reception. For parents not using the ParentPay facility a cheque should be included with the form. The envelope should be marked clearly with the name and tutor group of your child and the destination and date of the educational visit**