



Brine Leas School

An Academy

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March 2017

RE: GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The new Geography GCSE syllabus requires every student to carry out two days of fieldwork. To facilitate this requirement, I have arranged for all students studying GCSE Geography to visit Birmingham on **Friday 21st April, 2017** for their first day of fieldwork. The second day will be later in the course.

During this time the students will collect data in order to complete the third exam paper on Geographical applications and fieldwork. This paper makes up 30% of the final GCSE so it is essential that your child attends the field visit and completes the work to the best of their ability.

We will leave school at 7.30am so your child needs to be at school for 7.15am. We are leaving Birmingham at 2.30pm and expect to return back at school at approximately 4/4.30pm. As this is after the school buses, could you please make arrangements for your child to be collected from school, alternatively you can give them permission to make their own way home by completing the section on the permission slip attached. Suitable clothing must be worn; this must include a sensible pair of shoes or trainers, a coat or jacket appropriate for the weather, along with appropriate trousers and jumpers / t-shirts. Students will require a packed lunch and drink(s) with them for the day of the visit. If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch can be provided by the school canteen. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch please confirm on the permission slip below.

This visit is compulsory and we will require your permission by return for your child to attend, we also request a voluntary contribution of £5.60 towards this fieldwork activity. Should insufficient contributions be received then the Head teacher may cancel the visit and an alternative fieldtrip may be arranged.

Cheques should be made payable to **Brine Leas School** and returned with the permission slip in an envelope to the Drop Box situated outside Student Reception.

Cash payments can be accepted when a cheque payment is not possible. **Students must take cash payments direct to the Finance Office and a receipt will be issued.**

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals / has in the past been on Free School Meals since 2011 / is currently a Child in Service since January 2011/ is currently a Cared for Child or has ever been looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, left local authority care on a special guardianship or child arrangements order, then the visit will be paid for through the Pupil Premium Fund, please return the form attached with the Pupil Premium Payment option on the reply slip ticked.

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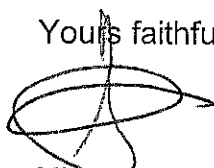
If your form is returned to school showing the Pupil Premium option and we don't appear to have your child on our Pupil Premium records we may need to contact you to clarify.

It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a child from attending a school visit, therefore, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw on the above number and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

I have also enclosed a Form C (Parental Permission Form). Please complete the form detailing any relevant medical issues your child may suffer from and return it with the payment and permission slip below no later than Monday 27th March 2017. Please note, without this form being completed your child will be unable to attend the visit.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number.

Yours faithfully



Miss S Bates
Head of Geography
SBS/SJ/AE/KB/ROS

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Permission Slip - GCSE Geography visit to Birmingham - Miss Bates.

I am writing to give permission for my child
Progress Groupto attend the above visit.

My payment option is:

- I have enclosed a cheque for £5.60 made payable to Brine Leas School. *Please post in to the Drop Box outside Student Reception.*
- I enclose a cash payment that my child will take to the Finance Office for a receipt to be provided.
- My child is on the Pupil Premium register and my payment will be covered by the Pupil Premium Fund.
- I do not wish to make a voluntary contribution.
- My child is eligible for Free School Meals and will require a packed lunch.
- My child is eligible for Free School Meals but will not require a packed lunch.
- I have enclosed the completed Form C.

Signed(Parent/Guardian) Date