



Brine Leas School

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September 2019

RE: GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The new AQA Geography GCSE specification requires every student to carry out two days of fieldwork. To facilitate this requirement and deepen their understanding of geographical concepts and processes learnt in lesson I have arranged for all students studying GCSE Geography to visit Carding Mill Valley on **Wednesday 16th October 2019** for their second day of compulsory fieldwork.

At Carding Mill Valley the students will collect data in order to complete the third exam paper on Geographical applications and fieldwork. This paper constitutes 30% of the final GCSE grade, therefore it is important that your child attends the visit and completes the work set to the best of their ability.

We will depart from school at 7.30am so your child needs to be at school for 7.15am and expect to return to school at approximately 4.15/4.30pm depending on traffic. 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 WisePay.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink(s) with them for the day of the visit as there is nowhere for them to purchase food at Carding Mill Valley. If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch could be provided by the school canteen. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch please complete the section on WisePay.

Suitable clothing must be worn as students will be working outside for the duration of the visit. They need to wear a sensible pair of shoes, trainers or wellington boots; a coat or jacket appropriate for the weather, preferably a waterproof jacket, trousers (not jeans) a jumper and a t-shirt. It is also recommended that students bring a small backpack for their pencil case, their geographical work booklet and packed lunch.

A voluntary contribution of £13 towards this fieldwork activity is requested, however should insufficient contributions be received then the Head teacher may cancel the visit and an alternative fieldtrip may be arranged. If your child would like to take part, please make the contribution by logging onto WisePay, the new online payment system. This is accessed through the link on the school website; please contact finance@brineleas.co.uk if you do not have your login details or have any questions about making a payment. The deadline for this is Friday 4th October 2019.

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It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit, therefore if you have any problems, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

Please can you also complete the Form C on the link which will be sent to you via email and return by Friday 4th October 2019. Please note without this form your child will be unable to take part in this Fieldwork.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Miss S Bates
Head of Geography
SBS/SJ/SON