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APPLIED LEARNING

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Dear Parents

Please find below further details regarding the forthcoming GCSE Geography fieldwork trip to The Lake District which will be taking place between Monday June 28th and Wednesday June 30th.

SUPERVISION The group will be supervised by myself, Mr Nallen, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Shearn and Mr Atherton.

ACCOMMODATION We will be staying at Borrowdale Youth Hostel. Its details are:

Longthwaite
Borrowdale
Keswick
Cumbria
Phone: 017687 - 77257

- Bedding is provided by the Youth Hostel
- Towels are not provided and should be brought from home by each pupil.

FOOD Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the journey to Borrowdale on Monday. All other meals are provided.

EQUIPMENT FOR WORK The school will provide all equipment required to complete the fieldwork. It is essential, however, that pupils bring pens, pencils, ruler, and notebook etc. A camera would also be beneficial to record evidence of work completed and places visited. Pupils should consider sharing the cost of photography with friends.

CLOTHING School uniform is not required on this trip but the school expects that sensible and suitable clothing be worn at all times. **We have spoken to pupils about appropriate clothing being worn at all times. Please ask your son or daughter to explain what we mean by this.**

Points to remember when considering clothing:

- The trip is of 3 days duration
- Layers of clothing are best in the event of warm or cool weather
- We will be working in countryside and town environments
- Expensive items of clothing are not required – they may be ruined.

Suggested items to pack include tracksuit trousers, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, nightclothes, and sufficient socks and underwear for 2 days.



FOOTWEAR Footwear should be comfortable and suitable for the river and the town environments. A pair of wellies or an old pair of shoes or trainers must be brought for the river study. They will probably get wet or muddy!

THE WEATHER Everyone needs to be prepared for sun and rain. A waterproof is essential and this should be taken out at all times. Everyone should also be prepared for sunshine and hot weather.

MONEY Pupils do not require large amounts of money. Postcards etc. may serve as useful illustrations in the finished coursework. The Youth Hostel has a shop.

MEDICATION All medicines should be handed in to Mrs Gardner before departure from the school. Can all medicines please be labelled clearly with the pupil's name and the dosage requirements. **Please complete and return the attached medical form.**

OTHER ITEMS EITHER REQUIRED OR NOT REQUIRED Pupils should have a small rucksack or backpack to carry items needed when out during the day. A normal school backpack will do. Pupils should not bring mobile phones or Walkmans on this trip. Neither are necessary and cause great inconvenience if they are lost or damaged.

SPRAY DEODARANTS These set off the alarm system in the Youth Hostel and should not be brought.

MIDGES AND NEED FOR INSECT REPELLENT Depending on the weather conditions there may be midges in the area. There were last year! All pupils should bring some insect repellent.

RETURN ON WEDNESDAY It is our plan to return to school by about 7.30 pm. The buses are scheduled to leave Keswick at 2.30pm. We will inform the school office if the return is delayed. Please check with the office during the afternoon. Pupils will call when we stop at motorway services.

QUESTIONS? Please feel free to call me at school at any time if you still have some unanswered questions. I thank you once again for your cooperation so far with the arrangements for this trip. I am sure that we will all have a beneficial and enjoyable few days.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Hendry
Head of Geography