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Dear Parent/Carer

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Geography Group 10A

As part of the GCSE Geography course your son/daughter is required to complete a day's fieldwork on a 'physical environment'. The department has chosen to visit a local river- Horner Water. Your son/ daughter will collect data on this trip to show how rivers change, and the flood risk they pose to people. This will then be written up as a mini-project, and examined in terminal exams at the end of Year 11.

I am writing to ask your permission to take your son/daughter to Horner Water, Exmoor to complete the data collection part of their enquiry. This will be the only opportunity that your son/daughter will have to complete the data collection part of the controlled assessment with geography specialist staff observing and advising.

The date for your son/daughter's field trip to Horner Water, Exmoor is **Thursday 14th June 2018**. The students will leave Kingsmead School at 9.00am and return to school at 4.30pm. Please make travel arrangements for your son/daughter to get home from the school at this time.

The cost of the trip is £6.00, which covers the cost of insurance and transport to and from Horner Water. Please log on to your parent pay account and pay for the trip by **Monday 21st May 2018**. We must have payment by this date to enable us time for planning the activity. The only refunds available are for medical claims, which require a doctor's letter, and then processed through our school visits insurance. The school has very limited resources to support trips and we depend on parents' voluntary contributions to finance such visits. If your son/daughter is eligible for Free School Meals or if you are on Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal or Child Tax Credit and are unable to meet the whole cost, please contact the finance office. In the notes field please add any medical condition or medication taken and an emergency contact number for this trip.

If your son/daughter will need any medication on the visit, please make sure they have this with them in a labelled bag with dosage and give to their group leader on arrival at school.

Your son/daughter will need to bring with them a pen, a pencil and a digital camera if they have one. They will also need to bring with them a packed lunch and plenty of water to drink. They can bring a small amount of spending money to buy an ice-cream etc, however, the safe keeping of this money and any valuable items will be their sole responsibility. Exmoor's weather is very temperamental; your son/daughter will, therefore, need to bring waterproofs and warm clothes as well as waterproof footwear. Wellington boots or hiking boots would be ideal as the students will spend some time standing in the river.

Yours sincerely



Alix Page-Walters

Head of Geography