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Dear Parents

Year 10 Geography field trip to Blencathra Field Study Centre - 7-9 June 2017

This letter is to provide you with some information regarding what your son/daughter will need to bring with them on the field trip and the centre details. The trip is covered by the school's insurance policy and a qualified first aider will accompany the pupils on this trip. A full risk assessment has been undertaken for all aspects of the trip including the activities. Attached is a consent form and a code of conduct, please complete both and return to the school as soon as possible. We endeavour to take photographs on as many school trips as possible. Please visit our website, Facebook and Twitter pages to view a selection of photographs.

We will be staying at:

FSC Blencathra Centre
Threlkeld
Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 4SG

This is the phone number for the centre's office for calls in an emergency: 01768 779601

School mobile contact in emergencies: 07842 519939

The following information will be given to the children:

What to bring

This is a field trip designed for you to collect data to use in your controlled assessment and so you will be spending a large part of your day outside. You will need to bring plenty of warm comfortable clothing, (jeans are not good for fieldwork as they don't dry quickly), tracksuit and fleece type clothes are recommended. You need to wear walking boots during our time outside, but the centre requests that you bring another pair of shoes/trainers to wear whilst inside the centre.

You will also need a waterproof jacket, waterproof over trousers and wellington boots. If you have your own then please bring them, but the centre can provide these items for you to hire while you are on the trip for a charge of £2 per item.

You will need a small rucksack to carry items during the day, a lunchbox and bottle or flask to use for drinks.

You need to bring your own towel and toiletries (including sun cream), but bed linen is provided. The centre prefers you not to bring your own personal electrical items, i.e. hair straighteners, but if brought along they must be in a good state of repair and may be subject to a safety check. Any personal items brought to the centre are your responsibility.

Other things you need to bring include basic equipment that you would be required to have in school such as pens, pencils and ruler as well as a calculator. Rubber gloves are recommended for the river study and a large clear plastic bag to be able to hold a clipboard and notes if it rains.

All food and drink is provided by the centre and therefore you do not need to bring any money to buy meals. However, it is suggested that you bring a small amount of 'pocket money' if you wish, as there is a small shop on site selling chocolate etc and we will have a short time in Keswick on Friday for you to buy an ice cream or souvenirs, but please be sensible with the amount of money you bring on the trip. Any money will be kept by you and will be your responsibility at all times.

Free time

When we have completed our work in the evening you will have a couple of hours of free time. At the centre there is a recreation room with table tennis, a TV, pool table and an area to sit quietly to play cards, read, listen to music, etc. There is also an outdoor playing area for football/basketball for which you may wish to bring a ball. The centre has a DVD player which they allow you to use to play DVDs that are certificate 15 or less. Any personal items brought to the centre are your responsibility.

Arrangements for Wednesday

We will be leaving school at around 9am on Wednesday. Please come to school as normal in the morning and meet in room D instead of going to registration. You need to wear sensible clothing as we will be starting our fieldwork in the afternoon and you may not have chance to change first. It is recommended that you wear walking/sports trousers (not jeans), T-shirt and warm layers and have your waterproofs and wellington boots handy. You also need to wear walking boots; however, these do not need to be worn for travel.

Please be reasonable with the amount of luggage you bring, no more than one bag, and a small rucksack for your lunch/carrying equipment. Please do NOT bring aerosols to the centre. These activate the smoke alarms which automatically summon the fire brigade!

We will return to school on the Friday afternoon at around 4pm.

Trip rules

Please read the code of conduct very carefully and return this document to school signed by both the pupil and parent. These rules are designed for the safety and enjoyment of everyone on the trip and ensure that all pupils will have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in this component of the Geography GCSE course.

I hope that this will be a rewarding and valuable experience that you will enjoy.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Kears
Teacher of Geography

Checklist of items to bring on the field trip

Warm comfortable clothing:	Tracksuit style trousers Jumpers Walking boots Waterproof coat/jacket Thick socks	
Toiletries (& sun cream) including towel		
Indoor shoes/trainers		
Small rucksack		
Lunchbox		
Flask/drinks container		
School equipment:	Pens Pencils Ruler Calculator	
Rubber gloves		
Large clear plastic bag		
Items for free time:	e.g. book/magazine, cards, football/basketball	