

12 September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

**GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP to BETWS-Y-COED area
THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER (Orange) or FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER (Yellow)**

As part of the Geography course your son/daughter is following in Year 9, he/she is required to investigate environmental issues in a scenic area. A visit to a number of locations in the Betws-y-Coed area of Snowdonia has been arranged for the above date. A number of fieldwork skills will be practised and the follow-up assignment will be used as part of the assessment used to provide a Key Stage 3 National Curriculum Level for each pupil. The day will include a visit to Swallow Falls waterfall.

We will be travelling by coach **leaving school at 8.50 am** and **returning there at 4.15 pm**. Please can you ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for pupils to return home from school afterwards. Please can you also let us know in writing (and in confidence) if your son/daughter has any medical problems which may concern us during the trip.

As we will be doing some walking along country footpaths and be out in the open much of the day, it is essential that pupils bring a waterproof jacket/anorak and wear comfortable and suitable footwear such as walking boots or trainers. They also need a clipboard or something suitable to lean on and a pen and pencil and a clear plastic bag (to put over clipboard to write on if there is rain). They should bring a packed lunch too.

By law the school may not make a charge for the visit as it takes place within the school day. However, the school is not able to provide the money and I am therefore asking parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport and the waterfall visit. Although there is no obligation to contribute, I am afraid that the visit cannot take place unless parents help in this way. The cost for this visit is **£8.50**. Payments should be made using the Tucasi online payments system via the school website or alternatively by cash or cheque made payable to **Helsby High School**, with your child's name and form written clearly on the back.

It would be helpful if you would let me know whether you are willing to give permission for your child to participate by completing and returning the slip below. **Your child should bring the slip, along with payment, to A20 (Finance Office), before 26 September.** If you would like your child to participate but will have difficulty in contributing please contact Mr Mellors (Head of Geography), or myself, at school.

Yours sincerely



P. Howe
Geography Department
Key Stage 3 Leader

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Please return reply slip to: Finance Office (A20), Helsby High School

**YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD VISIT BETWS-Y-COED AREA OF SNOWDONIA
THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER (Orange) or FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER (Yellow)**

Name of Student Form

I do / do not give my permission for my son / daughter to take part in the field visit.
I am / am not willing to make a contribution of £8.50

Emergency Contact No:..... Home Tel No.:.....

<i>I enclose £8.50 cash/cheque (payable to Helsby High School)</i>	<i>£.....</i>
<i>I have paid £8.50 online</i>	<i>Date:.....</i>

I have made provision for my son/daughter to return home from school at 4.15pm

Medical Information (include any allergies or currently prescribed medication):

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Signed:(Parent/Carer)

Date: