



June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 7 Geography Fieldwork Trip**

The Geography Department has arranged a trip for the Year 7 students to visit the John Simonds Trust Fieldwork Centre, near Bradfield on the river Pang, which will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. The purpose of this trip is for the students to gain experience in fieldwork techniques, whilst experiencing 'real life' Geography first-hand.

The day will involve students working in small groups of fifteen, with a trained and knowledgeable instructor. Activities will include: river measurements (students may get wet), meander study, field sketching, river ecology, pond-sweeping and an introduction to honey production. Students may be required to enter the river in shallow areas to record the data, but will be under the strict supervision of Bulmershe staff and a Fieldwork Centre instructor. All equipment and instruction will be provided by a qualified 'John Simonds Trust' Field Centre supervisor: <http://rushallfarm.org.uk/john-simonds-trust>.

Each student will require: a packed lunch, raincoat, comfortable footwear and **a complete change of clothes** (high risk of getting wet in the river). The timings of the day should be similar to the normal school day; students will leave at 9.00am and return to school at 3.00pm. However, please be aware that should there be any traffic hold-ups we may not return until after 3.00pm; travel will be by coach.

The cost of this visit is £17.00, which will cover the cost of coach hire, hire of equipment and instruction, which can be paid in cash or by cheque to the Finance Office. There may be financial assistance available for Pupil Premium pupils for this trip but individual enquiries to the school should be made regarding this assistance. Please contact the school office on 0118 9353353 or alternatively, [office@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk) who will pass on your enquiry to Mr Staton, Assistant Headteacher who manages Pupil Premium funding

As there is a limit of 45 places available, these will need to be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Therefore, pupils will be issued with letters the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and return slips can only be given to myself (Miss Garrard) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to allow fair opportunity for all. If you agree to your child participating in this activity, please return:

- Completed permission slip (found on the reverse of this letter)
- Payment of £17.00
- Completed EV2 parental consent form (found attached to this letter).

Yours sincerely

Miss S Garrard

**ACTING HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY**



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student: ..... tutor group: .....

**up-to-date tetanus immunisation (PLEASE INDICATE):** Yes/No

I give permission for my child to participate in the above activity, and enclose £17.00 to cover the cost of the trip - please make cheque payable to 'The Bulmershe School'.

signed: ..... parent/carer      date: .....

