



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Malham

As part of the Year 9 Geography curriculum, students will go to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales to undertake fieldwork. The date for the **left** side of the year group is:

Tuesday 8 October 2019 Forms C, D, E, G and H

Travel will be by coach/school minibus, pupils should register promptly at 08:45 in their form rooms, then come directly to the front of school. We will be returning for the end of the school day, in time for pupils to catch their school buses.

We will be outside for the whole day undertaking fieldwork activities. As we will undertake a 3 mile walk with a steep flight of steps up to the limestone pavement, students will need to come suitably dressed with warm clothes, waterproofs and sensible sturdy footwear (with laces done up!). Denim jeans must not be worn as they get very cold when wet. Students also need to bring a packed lunch which must contain **no nuts**, together with a clipboard, pen and pencil if they have one. If possible, these need to be carried in a small rucksack or bag with shoulder strap rather than a plastic bag, which needs to be constantly held.

The fieldtrip is dependent upon voluntary contributions to meet the costs, which will be £7.00 per pupil. Payment is by Parent Pay and is now available on your account. Please note that payments are non-refundable and must be returned by **Friday 27 September 2019**.

Information relating to health and emergency contacts will be taken from the medical form previously provided by yourself. If there are any amendments to this information, please contact the school directly. If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers, antihistamine or EpiPens, please ensure that they bring them on the trip otherwise we will be unable to take them.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip staff are acting in loco parentis just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the well-being of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The

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decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, Head of Year and Senior Staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Regards

Miss K Kilsby
Geography Department



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- I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the day trip to Malham as outlined in the letter dated September 2019
- I have paid £7.00 deposit on Parent Pay and understand that this is not refundable

Name of Pupil Form

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date

Please return by Friday 27 September 2019 and hand into the school reception

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