



17 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 10 Geography Field Trip (GCSE compulsory component) to Bournemouth – Tuesday 12 June 2018**

As part of the GCSE Geography syllabus all students must participate in a compulsory field trip. In order to ensure that all Year 10 Geography students can achieve the highest possible grade in their GCSE examination, we have organised a **compulsory Geography field trip to Bournemouth on Tuesday 12 June 2018.**

The purpose of this trip is to complete the fieldwork section of the Unit 3 exam paper, 50% of which requires students to have completed two separate field studies. Visiting Bournemouth allows us to complete both studies in one day:

- Human Geography: A comparison of three tourist sites within Bournemouth
- Physical and human interaction: A study of the groynes on Bournemouth beach

Once in Bournemouth, we will focus our time around the pier, the Lower Gardens and in the town centre, where students will conduct bipolar surveys, and sand depth measurements along the groynes. Students will be completing a report with the data they have collected, part of which will be done before we go, and the remainder after we return to school. This report will then be revised and memorised to support the students in their fieldwork questions in the Unit 3 GCSE exam paper next year.

The total cost of this trip is £15.65 per student, and we request that you please make payment using our on-line e-payment system, with your child's sQuid account through the sQuid portal (<https://portal.squidcard.com/>), and you will be able to do this from today (closing date 1 May 2018). Please return the attached permission slip to the Finance Office by 2 May once payment has been made. Please note that due to the nature of this trip we are unable to refund the cost if your child is unable to go.

We will be using emergency contact details supplied on your child's 2017/18 OA4 Form (Off-Site Activities Form). Please ensure this has been completed and returned to school otherwise your child will not be allowed on this trip.

We will be departing Cox Green School at 8.45am, and shall return at approximately 5.00pm. Please arrange collection of your child accordingly. School uniform is not required to be worn on this trip, but students should wear comfortable appropriate clothing and footwear, bearing in mind they will be on their feet and outdoors throughout the day. Please provide a packed lunch/snacks and drinks for your student to last throughout the day. A reminder that chocolate, nuts and chewing gum is not permitted on the coach. In line with school policy, mobile phones are NOT permitted on this trip.

If you would like any further information about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on [enquiries@coxgreen.com](mailto:enquiries@coxgreen.com).

Yours sincerely

Ms J Allen  
Learning Leader: Geography

**Please note:**

- Places on all trips are subject to the school Behaviour Policy. Any student who receives an internal or fixed term external exclusion will have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be re-sold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be re-sold.
- Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.
- If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.
- If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: [finance@coxgreen.com](mailto:finance@coxgreen.com) or in writing to the school by Wednesday 25 April; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.

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**PERMISSION SLIP**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

- I confirm I have paid £15.65 via my child's sQuid account
- My child's 2017/18 OA4 form is up to date and returned to school
- I note the return time and will arrange collection of my child accordingly

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your permission slip to the Finance Office by Wednesday 2 May 2018.**

**Failure to return this permission slip, will result in your child not being able to attend this trip.**