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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Field Trip to Somerset – Wednesday 1st April to Sunday 5th April 2020

The residential geography field trip to Somerset runs from Wednesday 1st April to Sunday 5th April 2020.

We will be staying at the Fieldwork Studies Council's Nettlecombe Court, which is located near to Taunton in Somerset. The trip has a very full itinerary including day time and evening sessions and is tailored specifically to help students succeed on the Edexcel A level Geography course.

The students will benefit from the expertise of the FSC's field tutors and will be conducting fieldwork in a variety of settings, including investigating coastal processes at Porlock Bay, coastal management and regeneration in Minehead and community cohesion in Watchet.

Further information on the venue can be found online at <https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/nettlecombecourt/>

Students will be given the opportunity to:

- complete 3 days of the exam boards fieldwork requirements (of 4 days of fieldwork) within inspiring physical and human environments
- give students the opportunity to collect data for their own independent investigation (which accounts for 20% of their final grade)
- develop self-directed learning and research skills integral to the independent investigation
- develop confidence in quantitative, qualitative and specific skills

The field trip will be run by myself and will be accompanied by additional members of staff from the geography department.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £420.00, which will cover the cost of full board accommodation, transport and tuition. Therefore, students will only need money for incidental drinks and snacks for the duration of the field trip. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. If you find it difficult to meet this cost, you are invited to contact me in confidence to discuss this.

The cost can be paid in instalments as detailed below. Please complete the attached reply slip and return directly to the finance office. Payment can be made either via the online payment system or by cheque, payable to Sackville School, by Friday 22nd November 2019. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before Friday 20th March 2020.

Amount	Date
£120.00	Friday 22 nd November 2019
£100.00	Friday 17 th January 2020
£100.00	Friday 14 th February 2020
£100.00	Friday 20 th March 2020



In the unlikely event that a student has to be removed from the visit due to poor behaviour, we reserve the right not to refund the voluntary contribution/cost associated with this visit. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/>. **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Your child's place will only be reserved once payment of the deposit has been made.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Johnson
Curriculum Leader of Geography

To: finance office

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Name of student _____ Form _____

I give permission for my child to attend the geography field trip to Wales from Wednesday 1st April to Sunday 5th April 2020.

I have paid the deposit of £120.00 to Sackville School via the online payment system.

Parent/Carer name (please sign) _____

Parent/Carer name (please print) _____

Date _____