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Dear Parent/Carer

## Rock Climbing at Blacklands Farm on Thursday 13th October 2016

As we approach the submission of practical grades for the GCSE PE course we are attempting to give your child the best chance possible at achieving a high course work grade. The practical element of the course is worth 60% of their final qualification.

As you are probably aware students need to be assessed over 4 practical performances. We have an opportunity on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** to take your child off site for the day in order for them to be assessed in rock climbing at Blacklands Farm. This course is run by experienced and qualified instructors who have a high rate of success in gaining excellent scores when teaching the skills of rock climbing. We are giving your child the chance to take part in this activity in order to improve their overall course work grade.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £33 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport and other incidental costs. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\_id=26728">http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\_id=26728</a>. If your child wishes to take part in the trip, but current circumstances make it difficult to meet the charge, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement.

Students will need to wear their PE top along with tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. In case of poor weather it is advised they also bring a rain coat and extra layers. They will need sturdy trainers and a packed lunch. The school will provide transport to Blacklands Farm in the morning and will return the students to school for 3.00pm.

If your child would like to take up this opportunity please return the reply slip attached as soon as possible. Payment should be made via the online payment system. Alternatively a cheque for £33 made payable to Sackville School may be sent into the finance office.

Yours sincerely

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Curriculum Leader of Girls' PE















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