

Our ref: SF/kmd/shrews

June 2024



Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Geography Fieldwork – Shrewsbury

In July we will be taking the GCSE Geography students to Shrewsbury to conduct a fieldwork study about changing urban environments. This is an essential part of their GCSE Geography course and will also be assessed in their final exams. Throughout the day we aim to develop the understanding and skills required to succeed in Paper 2 of their Geography GCSE examinations.

Dates: 9 July 10H/Gg1 (Mx F) and 9x students from 10i/Gg1 (Mx F)
10 July 10 H/Gg2 (Miss B) and 8x students from 10i/Gg1 (Mx F)

****Students from 10i will be told which day they are attending and it will also say on ParentPay****

Please see below the kit list for the day:

- Sensible footwear & clothing (for walking in an urban area and being outside most of the day).
- Packed lunch and drinks or money to purchase snacks and lunch in Shrewsbury.
- Waterproof jacket if rain is forecast / sun cream and a hat if prone to sunburn.
- **Pencil, pens, plus clipboard or something to lean on whilst writing are essential.**

I must stress the importance of correct equipment being an essential part of the risk assessment. If students do not bring suitable clothing or footwear they will be deemed a risk and will not be able to participate in the fieldwork.

The coach will leave school at 8.45 am and return to school in time for buses at around 3.10pm.

For this visit to go ahead we have to raise the costs of transport and insurance which works out at **£10** per place. Under the requirements of The Education Act, 1996 we can only raise the cost of the visit by voluntary contributions. There is no obligation to contribute and children will not be treated differently according to whether or not any contribution has been made, however, the visit can only go ahead if the level of financial support is sufficient and contributions to costs are made.

A full risk assessment has been completed. Students will have supervised group tasks to complete during the day in an urban area, so can you please reinforce the importance of safety and high standards of behaviour. **Students will remain with their group throughout the day under the supervision of staff, with the exception of short periods of time when students won't be directly supervised (but staff will be close by and students will have emergency telephone contact) to enable students to have a break and get refreshments within the central area of Shrewsbury. These short periods of remote supervision are dependent upon students demonstrating they can be trusted, and also that permission has been given on ParentPay.**

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Due to medical needs, we request that no nut products are brought on the trip. Additionally, students need to ensure they have any necessary medication with them.

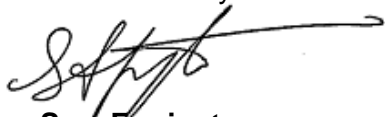
I would be grateful if you could confirm your consent for your child to take part in this trip by logging into the school's ParentPay system where you will be able to make the voluntary payment and complete the necessary consent and information. **If you wish to pay part of the £10 contribution please contact school directly.**

This must be completed by the 1st July 2024.

Our school conforms with data protection regulations, which means any data provided is processed and kept according to these regulations. Please see our full privacy notice which can be found at www.oldburywells.com. A paper copy can be provided on request.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact the geography staff who will be happy to assist; any questions regarding ParentPay please contact Susan Billingham.

Yours faithfully



Sam Farrington
Subject Lead for Geography

Yours sincerely



Lee Tristham
Headteacher