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September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Geography Field Trip – Wednesday 10 October 2018

The GCSE Geography course requires students to undertake two days of fieldwork outside of the classroom environment. The work done on these two days and in subsequent lessons will then be examined in Paper 3 in Year 11, which is worth 30% of the final grade. Our second and final trip for this will be on the date shown above.

We will leave school at 9am and will travel by coach to Brighton Seafront. We will return to school by 3pm. Students will be guided along the coastal areas from King Alfred Leisure Centre in Hove to the Palace Pier. They will collect data using various methods, including questionnaires on the risk of traffic, coastal erosion in the area, and how it is being mitigated. They will at times work unsupervised in small groups as part of their investigation.

Students will be undertaking this work in a variety of terrain and so will need sturdy footwear and appropriate comfortable clothing. They will need to bring:

- waterproofs and sun cream/hat/sunglasses as the weather may be changeable.
- writing equipment and a clipboard, or something to rest on, and a plastic folder to protect their work in case of bad weather
- a packed lunch and plenty of drinks, but not fizzy bottles or cans.
- School uniform is **not** required.

There will be some cafes along the route we take where students may be able to buy snacks and drinks, however we may not pass them until well after lunch time, therefore they should not rely on buying their main meal from these establishments but ensure they have food with them for the duration.

The cost of the trip is £15.50 which will cover the cost of the coach journey and all necessary insurances, plus a trip on the Brighton i360.

This is a compulsory trip as the exam board stipulate students must conduct fieldwork as part of the GCSE. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, or your child is CLA or adopted, you can contact the school for financial assistance, via the signatory of this letter. If your child is not CLA and covering the cost of this trip will be difficult for you, or if you would like to pay in instalments, please do not hesitate to contact me at acorcoran@downlands.org

Please pay online by Friday 28 September and ensure the reply slip and medical information form is returned to your daughter/son's Geography teacher in school. If you are unable to pay online, please send a cheque with the reply slip payable to Downlands Community School. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Corcoran
Head of Teaching & Learning/ Geography



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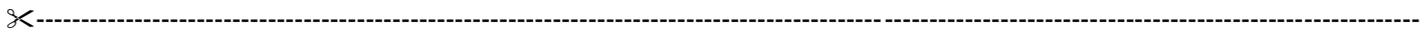
Please return to your Geography Teacher by Friday 28 September 2018

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

Medical Conditions that may affect the trip:
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Emergency contact number: Name.....

Tel No.:



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Student's Name: Tutor Group:

- I have paid £15.50 on-line
- I enclose a cheque for £15.50 made payable to Downlands Community School

I agree that my child may participate in the above activity. The school has taken out a School Journey Insurance Policy underwritten by Chartis Insurance Plc for each student attending this activity, though claims arising from a pre-existing condition are exempt. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights.

In respect of legal liability please note the school cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

