



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent / Carer

11th March 2020

We have arranged for Year 5 pupils to attend an exciting visit to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in Matlock Bath, to find out the secrets of the River Derwent. The visit will take place on **Tuesday 19th May 2020** and through scientific enquiry, experiments and discussion the children will learn about the water cycle, river systems and how clean the river Derwent is.

The children will explore the river habitat and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of the creatures that they find. We will also be looking at the habitat of the otters that live in the banks of this river. Through discussion the children will learn about an otters adaptations and their habitat requirements. They will learn and use scientific experiments and fair tests to assess the river Derwent as a suitable habitat for an otter. The children will also do a field sketch of the river.

The cost of the visit is £15.00 per pupil. We will be leaving school promptly, at 9.15am and returning at approximately 3.30pm. **All pupils must attend school at their normal time for morning registration and travel.**

Due to the children being in the river Derwent to carry out some of the activities, suitable clothing **MUST** be worn for the day. Unfortunately, if your child does not come to school wearing appropriate/suitable clothing they **will not** be allowed to carry out the activities. A waterproof coat and wellington boots are also essential, as will other items of clothing appropriate for our ever changing weather: for cold and wet weather; children will need clothes that are appropriate plus hat, gloves, scarf and layers, however, for warm and sunny weather; children will need sun hat, sun cream and lighter clothing.

Your child will be required to bring a packed lunch with them (no glass or fizzy drinks). Please ensure your child brings a suitable rucksack or carrier bag with them on the day, as they will be required to carry their own belongings with them until we reach our destination where it will be then kept in the classroom, while we carry out the activities. If your child receives free school meals and would like our kitchen staff to prepare a packed lunch for them, please ask your child to inform them by Tuesday 12th May 2020.

Pupils attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour is judged to be unacceptable may be excluded from the visit.

If you would like your child to attend this visit, please complete and return the attached form and pay the £15.00 fee via ParentPay by Friday 24th April 2020 at the very latest. **Payments are non-refundable.**

Please note – Payment is preferred by using ParentPay. Parents who do not wish to use the ParentPay website should request a “pay point” barcode letter from the school office. This should be taken to a local pay point shop where payment can be made in cash. Barcode letters are created for specific students visits / activities so can only be used once.

Please note that if your child does not wish to partake in this visit, they will be expected to attend school as per normal.

Yours sincerely

K Sargeant

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**Miss K Sargeant
Head of English**

**Mrs L Doyle
English Teacher**

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Year 5 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Visit – Tuesday 19th May 2020

Childs Name : _____

I confirm that my child will be attending the Wildlife Trust visit and have paid the £15.00 fee via ParentPay.

I confirm that my child will be attending the end of term visit and request a barcoded' letter for my payment of £15.00.

I confirm that my child will NOT be attending the Wildlife Trust visit and they will be attending school as normal.

Signed : _____ Date : _____

(Person with Parental Responsibility)

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