



22nd September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Y8 College Lake 2016- 19th October 2016

The Geography Department has organised a trip for Year 8 students to visit the Dunstable Downs and College Lake on 19th October 2016.

Dunstable Downs: We will go to the eco friendly visitor centre and walk on the downs. The following topics will be addressed: *Environmentally friendly development, Eco Tourism, Chalk Escarpments and Settlement patterns*

College Lake Nature Reserve: This reserve is just outside the Chilterns village of Pitstone and has been developed on an old quarry site. It covers a large area and offers the opportunity to experience a reused quarry at first hand. We will be looking at the following issues: *Factors surrounding nearby housing development, Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Change in land use.*

This trip will be of great benefit to Year 8 pupils who are studying Geography and as a result the trip is available for all of the students to attend. The students will be travelling by coach accompanied by Mrs Callaghan and will depart from school at 08.45am and return approximately 3.00pm in time for the school buses. School uniform is expected but students can bring sensible shoes to change into. Please provide your child with a packed lunch as food is not provided by the venue. The cost of the trip is £17.00 per student which, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging, must be met by voluntary contributions. Payment can either be made via ParentPay or by a cheque made payable to 'Roundwood Park School'. In cases of financial hardship, please contact me in confidence as soon as possible, but in any event by **23rd September 2016**. The school applies for financial assistance to a local charity which has very limited resources and therefore assistance can only be given if certain financial criteria can be fulfilled. **The payment deadline for this trip is 3rd October 2016.**

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Finance Office with your payment. If paying by ParentPay, consent is given online and therefore the reply slip below is not required. Please note that all payments are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found in the school. Any such trip puts a great deal of added responsibility on staff and that we reserve the right to refuse those pupils to participate whose behaviour gives grounds for concern.

The medical details used on day trips are taken from the updated data caption forms completed by parents during 2015/16, or in the case of more recent students, the parental consent form sent when they joined. If any medical information has changed it is the parent's responsibility to advise the school as a matter of urgency by email to k.mchale@roundwoodpark.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K McHale
Day Trip Co-ordinator

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Reply slip (return to Finance Office; not required for ParentPay payments)

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I give permission for my son/daughter to attend.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

I enclose my cheque payment of £17.00 ()

My son/daughter has the following medical condition, will/will not take his/her medication with him/her and can/cannot administer it himself/herself (if not applicable please state 'N/A').

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I confirm that no details have changed since the recent consent form was completed.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

