

January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### Y11 GCSE Human Geography Sheffield City Centre visit – Wednesday 5 February 2020

Fieldwork is an essential part of Geography and one that we are keen to develop at Silverdale School. As part of the GCSE Geography specification students must undertake two full days of fieldwork in different locations. Therefore, we have planned to take the GCSE Geographers to Park Hill flats and a number of other places around Sheffield city centre. This will allow us to cover the course requirements of looking at aspects of human geography. These locations also allow the students to experience designing their own fieldwork, as well as investigate their local area.

Following the fieldtrip, we will use the data collected to develop students' understanding of a range of geographical processes, such as regeneration, and allow us to carry out a full geographical enquiry. This work will be formally assessed on the Geographical Applications examination paper.

Arrangements for the day are that students should make their own way to the entrance of the Winter Gardens, Millennium square (outside Piccolino's restaurant), where we are expecting to meet them at 9am. Students will be dismissed at 3:15pm from Sheffield city centre and will need to make their own way back home. The students will need to wear their school jumper and be appropriately equipped for a day of fieldwork, this means sensible footwear (trainers) a waterproof coat and warm clothes should it be cold and wet. Any students who are not appropriately equipped for the day will be sent back to school and attend lessons for health and safety reasons.

The students will need to bring a packed lunch (provided by school for students who have free school meals). They may wish to bring some money to buy some additional food. They will need to bring any workbooks and equipment as requested by subject staff and a carrier bag to keep their work dry. During the day, it is expected that the students work hard and follow all instructions to ensure that they safely collect all the information required. In the afternoon here will be times when the student will be working independently in groups in different locations in the city centre.

If the trip is to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £0.50p will be required. This covers the cost of insurance. If not enough contributions are forthcoming the trip may have to be changed. If payment is a barrier to any pupils, please contact Mrs K Brown in the first instance. Financial assistance is available at the Headteacher's discretion. **Parentpay is not available for this trip.**

**Please complete the reply slip and return it in an envelope (with the above mentioned £0.50p cash) clearly marked with the student's name & form, Y11 GCSE Geography Sheffield Field Trip to Student Reception by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Yours sincerely

*N Papaspyrou*

**Chorus Education Trust CEO: Chris James**



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Mrs N Papaspyrou  
Teacher of Geography

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**Silverdale School – GCSE Geography Field Trip - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**PAYMENT DEADLINE MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the visit to Sheffield City Centre with Y11 GCSE Geography Team on Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> February. I understand the arrangements for the day and that my child will need to make their own way to and from Sheffield City Centre independently. I enclose a voluntary contribution of 50p to cover the cost of the visit insurance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition & Medication I need to know about : \_\_\_\_\_

**Please ensure your child has any medications with them for the trip if they are necessary ie epipen/asthma inhaler**