

April 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY AND BIOLOGY FIELDWORK IN THE PORTER VALLEY**

<b>Monday 20 May</b>	<b>7D &amp; 7R</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	<b>7I &amp; 7V</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	<b>7E &amp; 7A</b>
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	<b>7S &amp; 7L</b>

To enrich the Y7 Geography & Biology curriculum all Y7 students will be spending a day in the Porter Valley investigating the river landscapes and the local ecology. This work is a vital element of our curriculum and essential in building up a range of skills needed in both Geography and Biology. Full details will be given to the students in their geography lessons.

Students will be registered by staff from the Geography & Biology departments before leaving school, and then travelling via school mini bus to Ringinglow. Students will spend the morning working on their Geography tasks and the afternoon on their Biology tasks with a lunch stop at Forge Dam. The students will walk back to school for between 3.00 & 3.30 pm.

The students will be working in and walking through a rural outdoors environment so must be dressed appropriately. They will need to have suitable footwear (sturdy shoes/trainers or walking/wellington boots), a waterproof coat and warm clothes if the weather is cold, hat and sun cream should it be hot. The trip will run unless the weather conditions are exceptionally poor. The students will need to bring a packed lunch (provided by school for students who have free school meals). Any student we consider to be under equipped will not be allowed to participate in the day for Health and Safety reasons and will spend the day in the school with the rest of Y7.

During the day, students are expected to work hard and follow all instructions to ensure that they safely collect all the information required.

If the trip is to go ahead, a voluntary contribution of £1.00 will be required to cover transport and insurance costs. If not enough contributions are forthcoming the trip may have to be cancelled. Financial assistance is available at the Headteacher's discretion.

The consent slip attached and £1 payment for the trip should be placed in a sealed envelope marked with the **Student's name and Form** and labelled **Y7 Geography and Biology Fieldwork** and handed into Student Reception by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

**Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul**Follow us on  @SilverdaleSch Like us on  @SilverdaleSch

Alternatively you can pay online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo. If you would like a copy of your unique activation username and password please email [parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk) stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at [finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk)

If you have any further enquiries about this activity please contact Mr Warham at [twarham@silverdale-chorustrust.org](mailto:twarham@silverdale-chorustrust.org)

Yours sincerely

*T Warham*

Mr T Warham  
Geography Department

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**Silverdale School – Y7 Porter Valley Geography & Biology Field Trip 20-23th May 2019**

**PLEASE GIVE PERMISSION SLIP TO STUDENT RECEPTION BY MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**

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

I give permission for my child to attend the Y7 Geography and Biology Field Trip to Porter Valley between 20-23 May and understand the transport arrangements for the day.

Emergency Name and Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical conditions I need to know about \_\_\_\_\_

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