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Dear Parents/Carers,

The geography department would like to take Year 8 students on a field trip to the Porter Brook River in Sheffield. The purpose of the field trip is to carry out a practical investigation on the theme of rivers. The proposed dates are **19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**, with students attending in their teaching groups.

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	8H (FHO) 8F (RTH) 8J (RTH) half this class
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> May	8A (SHV) 8G (DSA) 8I (DSA) half this class
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8D (FHO) 8B (RTH) 8I (DSA) half this class
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	8C (DSA) 8E (RTH) 8J (RTH) half this class

The codes in the table above can be found on class charts if you are unsure of which group there are in. For 8J and 8I they will be split into two groups by the teacher and informed in the lesson what day they are going – this is to accommodate the large numbers across 4 days on the coaches.

The study of river processes, landforms and management feature in the final topic in Year 8, which considers *'Should we get used to living in a flooded world?'*. The opportunity to see a river landscape outside of the classroom will significantly enhance students' learning and enable them to experience some of the more 'hands-on' aspects of geography.

The students will travel to and from Sheffield by coach. We intend to leave at 9.15am and the coach will be back on the school site at 3:15pm. Students need to arrive in school at the normal time and go straight to the bus bays which are next to F block. At 9:00am students will be registered and then board the coaches. Students should not attend mentor time on the date they are attending the field trip. Students will require a packed lunch and a drink. If your child is eligible for a free school meal and would like a packed lunch provided, please indicate this on the electronic form outlined below.



The Porter Brook River is a small and shallow river that students will be able to stand in to collect their data. It is important that students wear the appropriate footwear for this part of the day, ideally a pair of wellies, walking boots or an old pair of trainers should be worn. Students will need to change their footwear once they have completed the river study, so a plastic bag to store wet shoes in is also required. Students need to bring appropriate outdoor clothing (including a waterproof coat) and they should have a backpack to store their spare shoes, packed lunch, drinks, pencil case, work booklet, sun cream, hand sanitiser and any medication they may need.

Students are advised to not bring their mobile phones with them, due to the location of the fieldtrip and the activities they will be completing. If students choose to bring their mobile phone, this is at their own risk. Normal mobile phone rules will apply whilst on the trip. In the event of extremely poor weather conditions we may have to cancel the trip at late notice. If this does occur, we will attempt to rearrange the trip at the earliest possible convenience.

The cost of the visit, by voluntary contribution, is **£14.00**. We require the full payment of **£14.00** to be paid by the ParentPay system ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) by **Friday 9th May 2025**. If you need to be re-issued ParentPay access details please e-mail Mrs Murdoch ([smurdoch@dhfs.uk](mailto:smurdoch@dhfs.uk)) in the school finance office if you have difficulty accessing your account.

**If your child is eligible for free school meals or is Pupil Premium, we will fund 50% of the cost of the trip.** If this is the case, please can you do one of the following;

a. complete a Pupil Premium Funding Request

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=hhYKeFegP0WaiFk6R205TjmY0mt30qxGiUXREBVBb5UNFJaUUJKRTdYNk1MTFo3NEw2MkwYszYwTS4u>

b. ask your child to collect a paper version of the form from Mrs Baxby in the exams office in A Block

c. download a paper copy of the form (<https://dhfs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Pupil-Premium-Funding-Request-.pdf>)

We are very keen to offer this opportunity to as many students as possible, but we rely on the prompt return of parental permission and on obtaining sufficient funding for the trip. **For these reasons I would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip which can be found by following this link <https://forms.office.com/e/aEe6EjQ3su> and also submitting the payment by Friday 9th May 2025.**

If there is any difficulty with meeting the deadline or if you have any queries or concerns about this visit, please contact me via email ([shaveron@dhfs.uk](mailto:shaveron@dhfs.uk)) or ask your child to speak with their geography teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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