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Dear Parents/Carers

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YEAR 5 TRIP TO RIVER MEON (DROXFORD)

On **Wednesday 5th June**, Year 5 will be visiting the River Meon in Droxford. We are excited to be able to offer the children a practical experience to begin their geography learning on rivers. Droxford is a contrasting location to Gosport so will provide the children with a great learning experience. We are lucky enough to have an expert in the field leading workshops for the children. We will visit a local Primary School, where we will have shelter (if needed), space to eat lunch and use of the facilities.

We will have a stimulating day of practical geography skills and learn about river features and processes:

- we will take measurements of the river
- link theory to the reality of a river
- do field sketches
- find out what lives in this watery habitat
- go on a river walk

The children will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 9 a.m. arriving at approximately 10 a.m. We will be arriving back at school by the end of the school day. They will be required to wear comfortable outdoor clothes and will need to bring waterproofs and wellies. Your child will need a packed lunch, however if your child is entitled to free school meals, then a lunch will be supplied but he/she will need to bring a drink.

The cost of the visit is £17.36 per child (£220 for the River Study and £735 for the coach travel), please pay online at Scopay.com. Please can you make your payment by **Monday 20th May 2024**.

You will probably already be aware, from media coverage, of the extreme pressure on school budgets. The additional pressure means that we are not in a position to be able to subsidise school trips to the extent that we have in the past and we may have to take the difficult decision to cancel the trip without sufficient voluntary contributions.

We will need some parent helpers to accompany us. Please contact the school office if you can join us for the day and help with supervision. Guidance for parent helpers is printed on the reverse of this letter.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Eq6TTHabV5>

Yours sincerely

Y5 Teachers

Helpful Hints for Parent Helpers

Thank you for offering to support our children on this school trip.

We hope you have an enjoyable day.

We would like to offer the following guidelines to ensure that you and the children have a safe and valuable experience.

- You will be responsible for a small group of children
(It should be noted that you may not be with your own child's group.)
- They need to be within your sight at all times
- You will be given a list of the children in your care
- You are there to support the teacher and enhance the learning experience of the children
- Unfortunately, it is not appropriate for you to bring younger siblings.

You can help by:

- Asking the children questions
- Answering the childrens' questions
- Encouraging responsible behaviour
- Directing the childrens' attention to the focus of the visit
- Setting an example to the children by adhering to a dress code appropriate to the visit
- Informing the class teacher or teacher in charge immediately, of any concerns or problems.

Brockhurst Primary School children have acquired an excellent reputation for their attitude and behaviour whilst on a school visit. Your help is appreciated and will ensure this reputation continues.