



Friday 22 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the GCSE Geography course, we intend to take year 10 Geography students to a farm which is part of the Ragley hall estate, the address is Weethley, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 5LZ on Monday 6 July 2026.

We will be leaving school at 9.00am therefore students should come into school as usual and meet in the school canteen for 8.45am. We will be traveling to the farm by coach, and plan to leave the farm at 2.15pm and be back by the end of the school day. The purpose of the trip is to collect primary data for an investigation into how sustainable the farm is. This will include activities such as interviewing the farmer, field sketches, soil sampling, land use mapping and examining the biodiversity of the hedgerows on the farm. Students will use this experience to answer questions based on data collection methods in paper three of their GCSE Geography exams therefore, attendance is compulsory.

The suggested per student contribution is £10.00 to cover the cost of transport. Please consent and pay via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) and is required by 19 June. If you would like your child to attend but are struggling with the cost please contact us to discuss what support may be available – please note this may be limited and discretionary. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

Students can wear their own clothes however these must be suitable for an outdoor, working farm environment and therefore no shorts or cutoff trousers should be worn, legs must be fully covered. If students possess wellington boots these are advisable, otherwise a pair of walking boots or sturdy trainers would be fine, please note that depending on the conditions their footwear may get dirty. They will need to take a packed lunch and if you have blanket that would be useful as we will have our lunch as a picnic on the farm site. Packed lunches will be provided for students on Free School Meals and will be available for collection on the morning of the visit, please email me by Friday 19 June at jashton@northleamington.co.uk if you would like a free school meal provided. It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items. As per the updated school mobile phone policy students will not be able to use their phone throughout the day and should be stored safely in their bag.

Members of staff will be with students at all times on the farm. As this is an outside activity please check the weather to help ensure students come equipped which may be sun block if it's a clear day, fluids to keep hydrated and a hat to prevent heat stroke, or a coat if it's a wet day.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 7. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader at jashton@northleamington.co.uk.

I hope these arrangements meet with your approval. Should you have any questions, then please contact me at jashton@northleamington.co.uk

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Ashton (Head of Geography)