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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Year 7 Stop the Clock Day Trip to Cheddar Gorge and Caves: Monday 7th November 2022

As part of the learning development programme at Beaminster School we have a number of days during the school year when the usual timetable is suspended. These "Stop the Clock" days allow students to study key aspects of the curriculum for an extended period of time and in greater detail.

On **Monday 7th November**, the Geography Department intends to take all Year 7 students to visit Cheddar Gorge and Caves. The visit includes a guided tour of the caves, a look around the pre-history museum and, weather permitting, a short walk up 'Jacob's Ladder' to view the Gorge from the Look Out. The activities will support the topic of 'Adventure Landscapes' which students will be studying after half term in their Geography lessons.

On the day of the trip students will need:

- Warm, sensible clothing
- Footwear suitable for walking around slippery caves and up steps (e.g. trainers)
- School coat
- A packed lunch including drink (lunch will be provided for students entitled to Free School Meals)
- Any regular medication e.g. asthma inhaler
- A pen or pencil.

We plan to leave for Cheddar promptly by 9am, so please ensure that students arrive in school on time or inform the school of any absence as early as possible. The coaches will return by 3:30pm in time for students to take their usual transport home. Student mobile phones are not permitted on this trip but may be left in Reception for safekeeping, staff will have phones available.

Students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will automatically get 50% of the cost of the trip subsidised.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£20** per person. Could I please ask that payment is made through **ParentMail +Pay**. If you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception or the school website [Forms, Policies and Key Information \(beaminster.dorset.sch.uk\)](http://Forms, Policies and Key Information (beaminster.dorset.sch.uk))) as soon as possible.

Please sign the student planner to give your informed consent for this trip and to acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to the information provided about the trip.

Should there be any changes to medical details or contact information for your child for the day of this trip please email the school at office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

All planners must be signed and payments made by **Tuesday 1st November** please.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me swalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Walters
Head of Humanities