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Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Lyme Regis, Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Twice a year the school timetable is suspended for a day to allow students to take part in activities outside of the classroom. For this second 'Stop the Clock Day' the Geography Department will be taking Year 8 students to visit Lyme Regis.

We are about to start studying coasts in lessons so this is an ideal opportunity for students to understand more about coastal processes and landforms. We will also be looking at the coastal engineering works that have recently been completed to prevent coastal erosion, and visiting the Dinosaurland Museum in the town centre to learn more about the fossils that have been exposed by this rapid erosion.

The trip will take place on **Wednesday 23rd March** within the school day so students can use their usual method of transport to and from school. We will leave school at 9:15am and return by 3:30pm.

Could you please ensure the following:

- No school uniform, but **school coats must be worn** for health and safety reasons; sensible warm clothing and sturdy footwear in order to walk on the uneven beach stones.
- Hat and gloves.
- A packed lunch (including a drink). If your child receives free school meals, they will receive a packed lunch on the morning of the trip.
- Pens and pencils.
- A clip board or folder to rest work on.
- Hand sanitiser and mask. We will clarify the COVID-19 restrictions, if any, closer to the time.

In order for this field trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£12** per person to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the museum. Please make payment through ParentMail +*Pay*. If you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip, please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception) as soon as possible. 50% of the cost will be subsidised for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Please ensure you give your informed consent by signing the appropriate page of your son/daughter's planner and that all planners are signed, and payments made, by **Friday 4th March**.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by calling the school office or by email <u>swalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk</u>

Swatters Yours faithfully

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