



**11th July 2022**

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Year 8 Enrichment Trip - Stokesley Flood Alleviation Trip**

This communication is a follow up to the letter sent by the headteacher, Mrs Millett, earlier this week alerting you to the upcoming enrichment afternoons. During these enrichment afternoons one of the activities will involve the Geography Department taking Year 8 students to study the different flood alleviation schemes in place around Stokesley, including the updated diversion channel and sluice, which cost £3.7 million.

We feel that having a local example will bring more relevance to this case study and allow us to build a greater understanding of processes taking place in the local area. It also forms part of the hazards topic where we begin by looking at rivers and flooding.

The afternoon will entail a walk of approximately 4km (2.5 miles) from school along the River Leven as it passes through Stokesley, back down the highstreet, past the Coop crossing the A172 and along the Leven before it enters Stokesley. At the sluice we will then follow the flood diversion channel around the back of the golf range before returning to school.

We will be going on the trip in geography classes and the students' geography teacher will be the lead with other staff to support.

**Wednesday 20th July – Y half of the year group**

**Thursday 21st July – X half of the year group**

The usual school rules and expectations will apply during the trip, and the following points should be noted:

- Students are allowed to come to school in their PE kit, part of the walk is along an area with nettles so it would be advisable to wear jogging bottoms. Trainers should be fine for the walk
- There is always the chance of rain so a waterproof coat should be brought too, should it be sunny weather a hat, and sunscreen will be of use as well as a bottle of water
- We will be carrying out a risk assessment task with the groups before we set off on the walk, as we will be in public areas and have to cross some main roads reminding your son/daughter to pay attention to staff and their instructions as well as being aware of their surroundings is important
- We will use the annual trip consent form that we have in school. If there have been any medical changes since you completed the form please let me know at [c.jones@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:c.jones@stokesleyschool.org) and I will amend my medical risk assessment. Students should make sure they have any medication they require and staff will carry any medication that school normally has.

Should you need any more information please contact Mr Jones.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jones (Head of Humanities)

