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Year 4 Trip: Walk to Westbay Friday 9th June, 9:00am to 12:00am.

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of our planned trip to Westbay as part of our current topic 'Blue Abyss'. We hope this trip will help engage the children in our topic and provide a value learning experience. We have a number of activities to develop their understanding of the ocean and sea side. Activities will include: identification of sea life, exploring human and physical features along with some beach art.

The plan is to walk from school to Westbay through the fields and paths just across from the school. We aim to leave at 9am sharp and be back in time for lunch. We would ask that children are adequately prepared for this walk to ensure their safety and comfort. **Please see the checklist, on the back of this sheet for a list of what to bring** and speak to us if you have any concerns about this.

We have space for two parent helpers to join us. Please speak to me if you would like to join us.

Finally, as the children's safety is of paramount importance to us, the trip will be subject to weather conditions on the day and may be cancelled if the conditions pose any concerns. **For the safety of the children we will not be able to take anyone who does not have suitable clothes and equipment.** We will keep you informed of any changes to these plans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this trip.

Kind regards,

Mr. Byrne



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Westbay trip- Checklist:

- **Suitable Clothing:** Children do not need to wear school uniform. Clothing should be suitable and appropriate for the potential conditions in June. We recommend having light long sleeves and bottoms to avoid sunburn.
- **Comfortable and suitable footwear.** The trip will involve a lot of walking across fields and on the beach. Please wear comfortable footwear than you do not mind getting dirty.
- **Suitable rucksack to carry equipment.** Please avoid handbags or plastic shopping bags. A rucksack carried over the shoulders will be best.
- **Water bottle.**
- **Sun hat**
- **Sun cream.** Please apply a layer before coming to school and ensure your child is able to apply more as they require on the trip.
- **Snack.** Children will not be in school for break time so they will need an easy to carry snack. As the walk will be quite long for some children please ensure they have enough food (slightly more than a usual break-time snack).
- **Light, summer rain coat.** Rain is always a possibility and once we are on the walk we will have very little cover or shelter.
- **Spare clothes in school.** We suggest that children bring spare shoes and socks, and perhaps even trousers and top. Even a little bit of rain and damp could cause a lot of discomfort so it would be beneficial to have spare, warm clothes to change in to when we return to school.

