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Year 4 Trip: Walk along the Bridport rivers Friday 3rd December 9.00am- 12:00.

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of our planned trip to study the three Bridport Rivers, the Simene, Asker and Brit. In our topic 'Mountains and Rivers' we are now turning our attention to rivers and this will give us a great opportunity to explore physical features of a river and the human impact on our rivers in our local area.

Children have already learnt how to read an OS map identifying human and physical features along with using grid reference co-ordinates. Having used these skills for our previous trip children will examine local OS maps and plan a route to study three sites in our local area- the confluence of the Simene and Brit, the fish sluice on the Asker and the weir and brewery on the Brit. At each site children will explore and record the physical features and human impact, which we can then compare and discuss. **Children will not be going in or near the water and we will take time in school to discuss safety on the river bank.**

The plan is to walk from school to each site creating a looped walk. We aim to leave at 9am sharp and be back in time for lunch. Particularly due to the weather at this time of year, 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 would very much welcome any parent helpers who would be interested in joining us for this hike. We would have space for up to 4 parent helpers, first come first served, so please come and 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 continue to monitor covid rates across the school and in year 4. If rates are too high we may have to cancel or postpone the trip to ensure the safety of all children.

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

Kind regards,
Mr. Byrne



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River walk- Checklist:

- **Suitable Clothing:** Children do not need to wear school uniform. Clothing should be suitable and appropriate for the potential conditions. We should be prepared for rain and wind!
- **Comfortable and suitable footwear.** Consider that it is likely to be muddy and wet. Wellies can be worn but it is important that the children have worn them before as walking for 2 hours in new unworn wellies can become uncomfortable and lead to blisters.
- **Suitable rucksack to carry equipment.** Please avoid handbags or plastic shopping bags. A rucksack carried over the shoulders will be best.
- **Water bottle.**
- **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 demanding for some children please ensure they have enough food (slightly more than a usual break-time snack).
- **Rain coat.** This is really important as the weather could change at any time and once we are on the hill we will have very little cover or shelter.
- **Spare clothes in school.** We suggest that children bring spare shoes, socks 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.

