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### Year 8 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIPS TO THE RIVER WYRE

Week B

Friday 17th March 8G and 8L

Week A

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 8T and 8S

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8B and 8R

Dear Parents,

The Geography Department is pleased to announce a whole day field study to the river Wyre examining the cause of flooding, flood impact and flood alleviation. Students should be ready to board the coach at 08.50 on Moorgate where they will be registered and will return to school at 15.30. If your son would like to be picked up at the end of the day (about 2.45 pm) from Garstang you must email me to let me know. We will all leave from school. We will not be going to St Michael's on Wyre this year.

To ensure students gain the maximum beneficial learning experience each class will be accompanied by two members of staff.

The visits are organised to supplement the Geography programmes of study at Key Stage 3. Flooding and flood management is a very topical issue at the moment and the river Wyre presents an excellent opportunity to understand these issues in the local area.

The outline of the day has three key elements. First, students will observe and measure the river Wyre near its source in the Forest of Bowland (G.R. 60,53) to understand the dynamics of the river and what might trigger a flood; second, we will examine the areas at risk from flooding in Churchtown; and third we will look at the flood alleviation measures at Garstang (G.R. 49,45).

The following equipment will need to be brought by each student. For the fieldwork, a clipboard, pencil and pen are essential. The clipboard should be brought in a large freezer bag to avoid notes getting wet. Appropriate clothing should include waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, warm hat and gloves, a spare warm top and appropriate footwear. Wellington boots are necessary for the measuring of the river; alternatively, old trainers could be used but they will get wet. Spare socks and shoes, a towel, and a plastic bag to hold wet clothes would be useful. As well as all this, a bag to put everything in should be brought together with a packed lunch. There is no need to bring any expensive gadgets like ipods, but a camera might be useful.

I am sure it will be a wonderful experience whatever the weather. I would be grateful if you could contribute £15.00 towards the cost of the coach trip. Payment, medical details and consent will be organised via Evolve. If your son has any recent medical concerns that the school is unaware of please email me.

With thanks for your attention,

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Talks (Head of Geography)