



Hugh Sexey

C of E Middle School

30th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Rivers Trip to Ashford Education Centre

Welcome back to all the children after their Summer holiday. We hope they had a lovely break and are excited to return to their learning.

In year 6, pupils are starting their first Humanities topic, learning about Rivers and Mountains. To support their learning, we are fortunate to be able to visit Ashford Education Centre, near Cannington, where we will have a tour of the water treatment works, study a river profile and see how erosion has affected the river. Fieldwork is an essential part of Humanities education, as it provides an opportunity for students to develop their geographical thinking in a real world environment, as well as gaining a range of skills that are difficult to develop in the classroom alone.

The trip will take place within the school day and transport to the centre will be provided by coach. To allow all students to take part in this fantastic opportunity, the year group will be split as follows:

Tuesday 14th October; Wednesday 15th October and Friday 17th October

Details of which day your child will be attending will be sent out nearer to the time.

Children should wear appropriate **warm outdoor clothing and bring a waterproof coat**. They will need **wellington boots** to wear in the river and bring **spare trainers/shoes and a complete change of clothing** to change into for the journey home. They will need to bring a **packed lunch** and a drink. Please could we remind you that we have pupils with severe nut allergies, so we would ask that you refrain from packing such items in your child's lunch or as a snack. The children will not require any spending money.

The cost of the coach is **£3 per child**. Please make these contributions via MCAS **by 9am on Friday 10th October**. Consent for your child to be taken off-site is made at the point of payment on ParentPay. The **Governors' Charging Policy** is available on the school website. However, if any parent is entitled to a free school meal for their child, currently or at any

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time in the past 6 years, the school has funding to assist with the cost of this trip – please contact the Finance Office for details.

Please note if the contributions do not cover the costs of the trip, then the visit will have to be cancelled.

Thank you for supporting the opportunities provided by the Humanities department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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