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YEAR ONE VISIT TO FORMBY BEACH

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Friday 8th July** pupils are invited on a learning visit to Formby beach, just outside Liverpool, as part of their geography work on comparing locations and their science work on exploring materials. The beach is owned and managed by the National Trust, and we will spend the initial part of the day exploring the forest, sand dunes and the beach itself. We will then have a picnic lunch on the beach, before spending some time investigating the area, looking for some of the geographical features we've talked about in class, as well as playing some fun games.

To maximize our time we will be leaving school promptly after the morning register at 9am. We intend to leave the site around 2:00pm, which should get us back to school around 3:15/3:30pm, depending on traffic – we'll make sure we update you with the latest information via text on the day to let you know exactly what time to collect your child, so please ensure we have an up to date contact number for you. As a safety precaution, please collect the children as usual from the Year One classroom, not from the coach itself.

School can provide a packed lunch for this trip without charge under the Universal Infant Free School Meals. We have found that on previous trips, most of these meals have been wasted as children prefer parents to provide their own packed lunch therefore on the online meal survey there will be an option to specify you are providing a home packed lunch which should include a drink in a plastic disposable bottle.

Children will need to wear loose, comfortable, warm clothes on the day, and should wear trainers or comfortable shoes as they will be on their feet for most of the visit. They should also bring with them:

- A snack (packet of crisps, small chocolate or cereal bar).
- An additional drink in a plastic disposable bottle (water, cordial or juice only please).
- Suncream (a small pot, to be applied by your child if the weather is sunny)
- A jacket, ideally something waterproof with a hood, and a sun hat.
- A small towel to dry their feet.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £19.00 per child which should be paid through <u>Parentpay</u> before Friday 10th June (and can be paid in instalments if required). This is to cover the cost of the entry to the National Trust Formby Beach site and our transport.

If any of you have buckets and spades that we could borrow for the day, please let me know - it would be good to take a few along with us!

Best wishes,

MPETE

Matthew Ellis Year One Class Teacher









