

11 March 2025



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Epping Forest Rivers Fieldwork 2025**

The Geography department is excited to invite all Year 7 pupils to Epping Forest to experience fieldwork in a river!

The pupils will have the chance to investigate how hydrology changes the physical landscape. We will follow the route of enquiry to investigate how river characters change with distance downstream. Pupils will use the Bradshaw Model to make predictions about how the river channel will change. They will have the chance to take first hand measurements and make observations of distinctive river landforms found at the fieldwork sites along the river.

This trip will also give pupils the chance to develop personal skills, be inspired by a passion for the subject and of course, have fun!

North Band pupils will take part on **Thursday 10 July** and South Band pupils will take part on **Friday 11 July**. There are 120 pupil spaces on each day, so there is a space for every pupil to attend.

The department is requesting a voluntary contribution of £40 for the trip, to be paid via WisePay. This will cover all coach transport and fieldwork materials. Contributions are voluntary and no pupil will be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to this or any other request. If there are insufficient funds the event will not take place. Some financial support is available for pupils who qualify now, or have qualified in the past six years, for free school meals. Please contact the Pupil Premium Coordinator ([pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org](mailto:pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org)) for further details.

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child normally receives a free school meal, a lunch will be provided. We will leave at 8:30 am on both days so pupils will be able to catch the school buses in the morning. In the afternoon, we will arrive back between 4:30 and 5:00 pm, depending on the traffic, so pupils will need to be collected from the school playground.

Pupils should bring wellies, a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers, if you have them. If not, they can be borrowed from the centre. Every pupil should bring sunscreen and a sunhat as well as plenty of water. Clothing should be weather appropriate. Trousers or shorts and a t-shirt is ideal.



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If your child would be interested in participating in the Epping Forest fieldtrip, please complete the Google Form <https://forms.gle/bAZs5aQLyG6n78Ng8> to secure a place. Please could this be done by **Friday 21 March**. If your child is unable to attend the trip, please return the form and outline reasons why.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me via email at [lfolan@sawstonvc.org](mailto:lfolan@sawstonvc.org) or contact the school reception.

Yours sincerely

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