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17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Ecology Visit to Wetlands, Aglionby**

Your child has been selected to attend a school trip to Susan's farm, Wetlands, Aglionby, as a reward for their excellent attitude to learning in science this academic year. The trip will be taking place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Students will have the opportunity to undertake freshwater ecology studies. The wetlands are situated just outside of Carlisle and offers an undisturbed habitat of marsh and ponds. Students will use pond dipping techniques to take samples of the invertebrates in the wetlands and observe plants on which they depend. The visit is intended to support and enhance the science and geography curriculum which is offered in school by allowing students to undertake activities which we cannot offer in the classroom.

Students must arrive to school at the normal time of 8.35am for registration. Students will leave the academy at 9:00am prompt with the aim of arriving at Aglionby Wetlands by 9:20am. The coach will be returning to the academy around 11:30am. Students are not required to bring any additional lunch as they will return to school for lunchtime as normal. They are required to wear appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear (wellington boots/outdoor walking boots) and therefore are not expected to be in school uniform.

I am delighted to inform you that we have been fortunate enough to secure slots where the sessions are fully funded through the local authority. However, we ask that students pay a voluntary contribution of £4 to cover the cost of the transport. These payments should be made via ParentPay. If you are unable to access ParentPay please contact the finance department.

Unfortunately, spaces are very limited, and we are only able to take 30 students per trip. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please complete the permission slip below and return to Miss Coatman by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. To secure your place, you will also need to pay the voluntary contribution for the transport via ParentPay. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Ashleigh Coatman  
Lead Teacher & Second in Science

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Please return your permission slip to Miss Coatman, no later than, Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Ecology Visit to Aglionby Wetlands**

I give permission for my child: ..... Tutor: .....  
to attend Susan's Farm, Wetlands Aglionby, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

I confirm that I will pay a voluntary contribution of £4 via ParentPay.

I confirm that medical and contact information are as currently held by the school.

Parental Signature: ..... Date: .....