



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: **Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

On Monday 14 October Year 5 will be visiting the River Caldew as part of their Geography work relating to Rivers. The main part of the day is spent at the riverside and may include the following group based activities:

River Corridor Survey: a simplified form of mapping the river corridor using a key with map symbols to denote certain landscape features. Pupils are encouraged to recognise the landscape features that they have learned in the classroom together with some new ones, and understand their implications for wildlife and the river environment, and then incorporate them on a map.

Flow rate: measure the flow rate or velocity of the river.

River Cross Section: plot a river cross section; measure and plot the width and depth of the river.

River Dipping: find out what lives in the river; using nets, trays and identification keys, the pupils collect kick samples of the river inhabitants and identify them. Once identified using the key, the species found are recorded on a tick sheet.

This school visit will be a unique practical learning experience encouraging the children to think about the topic differently.

- The children **DO NOT** have to wear school uniform but must be dressed in clothes suitable for all weather conditions (eg. waterproof coat/trousers, hat)
- Your child **MUST** also have a spare set of clothes including footwear; can you please put them in a rucksack.
- The children **MUST** wear wellies as the area will be wet and muddy.
- A towel is also recommended as the children sometimes get wet.
- The children will not need any pocket money as there won't be an opportunity to purchase anything.
- The children will **NEED** a packed lunch and a drink; one will be available to order through lunchshop.
- If your child is taking any medication (medicine, inhalers etc.) please label it with your child's name and instructions.

We are kindly requesting a contribution £4 per child with the school subsidising the remainder; please pay online or in cash with this reply slip. If you have any queries then please contact me before the school visit.

Mrs A Lambert
Class 5 teacher

Year 5 River Caldew Trip

I agree to let my child/ren attend the River trip and enclose a contribution of £..... to help cover the cost.

Please note: if you are paying online, you do not need to return this slip, just click the parental consent box.