

18th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Met Office Science Camp Trip – Friday 5th July – Saturday 6th July 2019

The Arnewood School Science Department is delighted to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to camp out at one of the UK's premier science and engineering organisations, the Meteorological Office. The trip will take place from the afternoon of **Friday 5th July to the afternoon of Saturday 6th July 2019.**

The camp is aimed at 11-13 year olds with enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths and will involve demonstrations and hands on activities led by Met Office staff around the HQ building in Exeter. The activities cover a wide range of topics about how we understand, measure and forecast the weather and climate. Students will be supervised at all times by Arnewood staff, with additional supervision by Met Office staff.

The camp starts with an evening meal on the Friday followed by activities before bed. We will be staying overnight in conference rooms in the Met Office building and will be sleeping in Met Office Science Camp tents. Please note that other school groups and non-educational groups such as the Scouts and Guides will also be attending, supervised by their own teachers or leaders. After a light breakfast on the Saturday, the students will participate in a morning filled with activities, and possibly a chance to try presenting the weather. We will leave just before lunch, with the students hopefully informed, inspired and a little bit tired!

The cost of the trip, including transport in a minibus, tent accommodation, Friday's evening meal and Saturday's breakfast is £22. Students will need to bring snacks and also money for lunch on the Saturday, when we will be stopping on the way home for refreshments.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the visit please complete the enclosed school trip contract and the reply slip below and return them together with the **full non-returnable payment of £22.00** to the Finance office by **Friday 5th April**. There are just 12 places available on the trip and we ask that, as part of the reply slip, **students write a paragraph explaining why they would like to participate**. In the case of oversubscription, this statement will be used as a basis of allocating places. Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School with the student's name, tutor group and event on the reverse. Should your son/daughter be unsuccessful in gaining a place, the cheque will be returned.

If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure that your child is not participating against your doctor's advice. Thank you very much for your continued support.

It is parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to their child. Parents can update via SIMS Parent Lite – details at <https://www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/parents/sims-parent-lite> or via contact with reception.

Yours faithfully

Dr Isabelle Parkes
Teacher of Science

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Reply Slip – Return to the Finance Office by Friday 5th April 2019

Re: Met Office Science Camp Trip 5th – 6th July 2019

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Met Office Science Camp in Exeter from 5th - 6th July 2019, as detailed in the letter dated 18th March 2019. I enclose a full payment of £22.00.

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer

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Statement from your son/daughter as to why he/she wishes to take part in the science camp (this will be used to allocate places in the event of the trip being oversubscribed):