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Dear Parent/Carer

**Consent for Educational Visits and Activities**

As most of you are aware, the school seeks parental consent for pupils to participate in school trips and activities. The completion of a consent form for each individual visit/activity can be a burden on parents and staff. Schools are not required to obtain consent from parents for pupils to participate in off-site activities that take place during school hours and which are a normal part of a child’s education, such as local studies and visits to a museum or library etc.

For all other visits and activities, it has been decided to ask parents to complete a blanket consent form (attached) that will cover most visits and activities whilst their child is attending Harrowbarrow School. Details of planned visits and activities will be still be provided to parents. However, schools are required to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to their pupils and it is widely understood that it is not possible to do this effectively without making full use of the local environment and community, within which the school is set. Therefore some local visits may be made at short notice when prior notification may not be possible.

While one-off consent can be used for virtually all visits there are situations where consent for a specific visit may be required. These include some visits abroad, to other areas of the country and some visits involving third party provision (for example an outdoor education centre). In this case information about the visit will be provided to parents who will be asked to sign a consent form to cover that particular visit.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation but should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr A J Hunt

Headteacher

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