



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Green Space Development Team Trip to Leckhampton Hill
Tuesday 22nd November 2022**

Following our success tree planting at The Burrows in March 2022, the Cheltenham Borough Council's Green Space Development Team is inviting 25 of our students to participate in their essential conservation work on Leckhampton Hill on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. The work will involve cutting back and raking gorse, hawthorn, and scrub from part of the new Cotswold Wall, creating habitat piles in old quarry holes, and tracking the newly arrived cows roaming around the hill. There is no cost to participate in this exciting opportunity.

We will be leaving school at 9am to walk 3.1km via Dogkennel Wood, Leckhampton Hill Road, and Hartley Lane, ascending 173m, to meet the Community Rangers in Salterley Quarry Car Park for 10am. At 2pm we will walk 3.4km back to school via Devil's Chimney, Daisy Bank Road, and Collum End Rise, returning before the end of the school day. All participants should have the required level of fitness to take part and prepare to spend all day outside. Please note there are no toilet facilities on Leckhampton Hill.

Students attending will need to wear suitable walking shoes ideally with ankle support, warm and comfortable walking gear, and bring a lightweight rucksack containing waterproof layers, a packed lunch, water bottle, and fully charged mobile phone if they have one, along with any medication they require. The Community Rangers will provide gloves and appropriate tools for the students to use during the day.

If your child would like to take part in this unique opportunity, please complete the consent form on Scopay by 4pm on Monday 14th November. If you encounter any issues with Scopay, please contact Mrs Davis at sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk. If the trip is oversubscribed, the 12 current members of the HSL Eco-Committee will get priority, and then we will revert to a ballot system. Those who have completed the consent form by 4pm on Monday 14th November will be entered into the ballot for places to be allocated.

Leckhampton Hill has been deemed a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and we look forward to supporting the Green Space Development Team in conserving it for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

The High School Leckhampton