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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Herons' Class,

**Re: Shore Academy with Education Futures Trust**

Herons' Class have been invited to join The Shore Academy (delivered by the Education Futures Trust, working in partnership with the Clean Seas Please campaign) which is a free educational experience offering four weekly opportunities to develop a love of and respect for the local marine environment through hands-on learning experiences on the beach. It compliments existing school practice and incorporates aspects of the National Curriculum such as Science, English, Maths, DT, Art and ICT. The pupils will be walking to the venue each week.

Pupils will learn through activities, discussion, visits and games, and record their experience in a variety of ways. All activities are thoroughly risk assessed and the ratio of adult to child is high. Every session is led by a qualified Forest School practitioner and first aider experienced in outdoor learning.

We shall be going to the beach in all but the worst weather so it is important that your child is properly dressed. They will need to bring to each session:

- Wellingtons or sturdy outdoor shoes with extra warm socks
- Waterproof jacket
- Warm coat or fleece
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Water bottle

All children must bring a water bottle with them and a back pack to carry it in. For reasons of health and safety students not wearing suitable clothing will not be able to attend. If you have any difficulties obtaining a particular item of kit please contact me.

As we will be back at the academy before lunchtime, the pupils can order their lunches in the normal way.

**Pre-course meeting** - The Shore Academy tutor (Shar Brown) will be coming into the academy on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm** to speak to the pupils about this exciting opportunity. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting, which will take place in the hall. The pupils will also be putting on an assembly at the end of our time at the Shore Academy which all parents and carers are invited to, **9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am**.

**The Shore Academy Time, Dates and Venues** - All sessions will be based in the conference room at East Hastings Sea Angling Association and on the beach. They will take place each Friday between Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be walking to the venue each week and so should ensure that they are wearing comfortable footwear.

As the ratio of adults to children is high for this visit, we would like to ask parents and carers whether they would volunteer to attend this visit with the pupils. We would ask that parents and carers attend all four weeks however to ensure continuity of the programme. Should you be able to support these visits, please complete the attached consent form or speak to me directly.

Please return **both** attached consent forms to me by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Should you have any questions regarding the Shore Academy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Jones  
Herons' Class Teacher

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**Please return the consent slip by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Child's Name .....

I would like my child to take part in the Shore Academy and understand that I need to provide them with the appropriate clothing for them to attend. I understand that my child will be walking to the Shore Academy

I am able to volunteer to attend these visits as a Parent Helper and can attend all four visits to the Shore Academy

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

## **The Shore Academy Consent Form Covering Letter**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**This letter contains important information. Please read it carefully and retain for future reference. If you have any queries or concerns please speak to the class teacher or contact:**

**Shar Brown (The Shore Academy tutor) 01424 722241**

The class have been invited to join The Shore Academy (delivered by the Education Futures Trust) which is an educational experience offering four weekly opportunities to develop a love of and respect for the local marine environment through hands-on learning experiences on the beach, at other seaside venues and in the classroom. It compliments existing school practice and incorporates aspects of the curriculum such as science, literacy, maths, DT, art and ICT.

Students will learn through activities, discussion, visits and games, and record their experience in a variety of ways. All activities are thoroughly risk assessed and the ratio of adult to child is high. Every session is led by a qualified Forest School practitioner and first aider experienced in outdoor learning.

We shall be going out in all but the worst weather so it is important that your child is properly dressed. They will need to bring to each session:

- Wellingtons or sturdy outdoor shoes
- Extra warm socks if wearing wellingtons (colder months)
- Waterproof jacket
- Warm coat or fleece (colder months)
- Hat, gloves and scarf (colder months)
- Sun hat (warmer months)

**PLEASE NOTE: all children must bring a WATER BOTTLE with them, and be wearing pre-applied sun cream in warmer months. For reasons of health and safety students not wearing suitable clothing will not be able to attend. If you have any difficulties obtaining a particular item of kit please contact the class teacher or the Shore Academy tutor.**

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### **Pre-course meeting**

The Shore Academy tutor will be coming into school to speak to the students about the course at the following time. You are welcome to attend this meeting:

**Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Time: 2.30pm**

**Place: classroom**

### **The Shore Academy Time, Dates and Venues:**

**All sessions will be based in the conference room at East Hastings Sea Angling Association and on the beach. They will take place on:**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 9.30-11.30am**

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

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**The Shore Academy**  
**Consent/Medical Form**



Name of child.....

Date of birth .....

Current Address.....  
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Parent/Guardian.....

How could you be contacted in the case of an emergency?

Home number .....

Work number.....

Mobile number.....

Alternative Person..... Tel .....

I give permission for my child to take part in The Shore Academy. I have ensured that they understand that it is important for their safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and instructions given by the staff are adhered to.

I understand that, while the Education Futures Trust staff in charge of the group will take all reasonable care of the young people, they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my child, unless they are negligent.

Any medical condition or allergy we should know about (eg: asthma, material, food, insect bites etc)  
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Treatment required.....

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Has your child received vaccination against Tetanus in the last five years?

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Please give details of any recent infectious or contagious diseases that your child has had in the last 3 months

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Name, address and telephone number of child's doctor

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I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

**Could you please indicate whether you give permission for photos to be taken of your child? These may be used for Education Futures Trust, Clean Seas Please promotion and/or school publicity, and Website:**

**PLEASE CIRCLE: YES..... NO.....**

Your child will only be allowed to attend sessions if they have the following items –

- Sturdy outdoor shoes or wellies
- Warm socks
- Waterproof jacket
- Warm coat or fleece (colder months)
- Warm hat, gloves, scarf (colder months)
- Sun hat, sun cream (warmer months)
- Water bottle

Please tick box to confirm the above

Signed .....

(Parent/Guardian)

Date.....

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