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Dear Parent / Carer

All S1 pupils will be involved in the Rapid Response event on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

This event will be in the form of a challenge day, in school, from periods 3-7 inclusive. Pupils should follow their normal timetable for periods 1 and 2 which will require them to bring any apparatus necessary for class.

Rapid Response is a whole school interdisciplinary activity for S1 pupils covering the four capacities outlined in 'A Curriculum for Excellence'. Two weeks ago pupils attended a motivational presentation made by an engineer from CITB who set the scene. This being that a hurricane has hit Honduras, causing widespread devastation to the local infrastructure. Pupils have been asked to play the role of Rapid Response engineers who could help restore some of the basic elements of shelter, water and communications etc.

For the last two weeks pupils have been focusing on this topic in all subject areas and Tuesday is the challenge day, where in small groups pupils are set a series of group challenges e.g. building a shelter, water purification, transporting water between locations and orienteering using basic Spanish.

Pupils do not need to wear school uniform on Tuesday but they should come appropriately dressed for being outside so, weather dependant, sun tan lotion or a rain jacket! Please could all pupils also wear trainers.

We will be taking photographs and the event will also be videoed, therefore can you please inform the school if you are unhappy about your son / daughter being photographed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Zoe Nicklin

Principal Teacher of Development