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Dear Parent/carers

Following the success of this year's Geography field trip to Switzerland we are planning to run a similar excursion from **Saturday May 23rd – Friday May 29th 2020** to Col des Mosses in Switzerland. The exact day to day itinerary is still to be confirmed, but whilst there, your child can expect to take part in the following activities:

- A trip to the Cailler chocolate factory and Gruyere cheese factory (with tastings).
- A trip on the world's steepest funicular to see the Emossons hydro-electric dam.
- A walk along a glacial valley to the Glacier du Trient and walk to the glacial lake of Lac Lioson
- A ride on the Monteverns railway to see the Mer de Glace glacier.
- A soak in the geothermal outdoor hot spring at Lavey les Bains and trip to Les Bouveret Aquaparc.
- Freetime to shop and sightsee in Montreux.

This is an excellent location for the pupils to study Geography and it really does bring to life topics that are studied in the Curriculum for Excellence. Pupils will be expected to do some written work whilst on the trip and booklets are provided by the tour operator Rayburn Tours.

The exact price is still to be confirmed but at present it is expected to be £650 including all activities, full board and accommodation. Payments will be made in instalments and I will let you know the exact figure as soon as possible.

There are 40 places available on this excursion. The trip is open to all S3 pupils but is of particular value to those pupils wanting to study Geography in S4. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will have to pull names out of a hat. It is not on a first come first served basis. Pupils will then be put on a waiting list.

Deposits for the trip are required by THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER. (Please contact me if you have any concerns with this). I have also included last year's itinerary to give you an idea of the activities that pupils take part in. There is a PowerPoint on the school website (bottom left corner) if you click on Alps trip 2019. The itinerary will be the same this year as last year.

Yours faithfully

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