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Dear Parent

PGS Beach Clean 2011

Walk along a UK beach and, on average, you'll find 2000 pieces of litter per kilometre. Beach litter is now a problem on a global scale and has major impacts on wildlife.

For the third year running Portsmouth Grammar School are organising a series of "beach cleans" on Hayling Island to complement the Marine Conservation Society's nationwide event held each September.

We will be meeting at 9.45 am on Sunday 30 January 2011 at the far end of the public car park on the beach between the Ferry Boat Inn and Gunner Point on Haying Island, but not in the Ferry Boat Inn car park Please be aware that no car parking charges apply at the moment.

The cleanup will begin soon after we've had a health and safety briefing; clear instructions will also be given on exactly how the 'pick' is to be carried out.

After the beach has been cleaned – we have a 100m stretch to clean – the event will be finished by 11.30 am and pupils can be picked up from the car park where they were dropped off, however, parents are very welcome to come along and help as well.

Please could you ensure that your son/daughter is at the meeting point in plenty of time for the health and safety briefing. It should also be noted that participation in this activity requires the consent forms being completed and returned to PGS in good time. It is also important to ensure that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for the morning. A hat and warm waterproof clothing and footwear are essential, as is a stout pair of gloves (these may get wet); sun cream may well be needed.

Please could you fill in the consent form and return it to S J Dean. This consent form can be used throughout the year for the follow-up "beach cleans", subject to any minor alterations.

Should you have any questions about this event, please do hesitate to contact me via email: s.dean@pgs.org.uk in the first instant.

Yours sincerely

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