



April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

A LEVEL BIOLOGY FIELDWORK DAY, WHIPSNAD ZOO, THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025

As part of their A Level Biology course, students must complete a number of required practicals, one of which is fieldwork investigations. We have organised a day trip to Whipsnade Zoo to undertake this fieldwork within an Area of Scientific Interest and hope that all students will be able to attend.

The students will be accompanied by members of staff from the Science Department. We will travel by coach, leaving school at 8.45am and returning by 5.00pm. Please note that the students will be working outside whatever the weather and will be required to walk across uneven ground, carrying equipment, to access the sites. If this is of any concern at this stage or nearer the time, please contact me as soon as possible.

Parents and carers are invited to make a payment towards the visit of **£45**. This cost includes travel, staffing, tuition and equipment for undertaking the fielding work, and insurance. We do not want to exclude any student from this visit; however, without this financial support from parents, the visit may have to be cancelled. If you are concerned about payment, please contact us and we can direct you to agencies which might be able to support you.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part, we will require payment of £45 by Friday 9 May. This may be paid in two instalments of £22.50, payable by 9 May and 6 June. By making payment, you agree that:

- your son/daughter may take part in this visit and you understand that he/she will be expected to comply with the School Behaviour Policy both whilst travelling and during the visit;
- you will inform the school of any changes to your son/daughter's medical conditions, emergency contact numbers or any other information that you have already supplied to the school;
- your son/daughter may receive first aid and emergency treatment during the school day, on day trips, sporting fixtures and residential trips. This consent will be valid for the time your son/daughter is a student at Waddesdon CE School unless you inform us otherwise.

In case of emergency outside school office hours, staff may be contacted on the following numbers:

Mrs Laird: 07519 328839

Miss Tubb: 07923 062165

School emergency contact 1: 07815 976594

School emergency contact 2: 07519 329307

If you would like any further information about the trip, or wish to discuss the financial arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Laird

Biology Teacher