



April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 VISIT TO WHIPSNAD ZOO: FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025

Following on from the positive start to Key Stage 3 Science, we are planning a visit to the ZSL Whipsnade Zoo on Friday 4 July, which is also our whole school activity day when all students are engaged in co-curricular activities.

We hope that this visit will continue to encourage interest and enthusiasm for Science and associated learning. Students will engage in a variety of activities throughout the day, experiencing exhibits and shows put on by the zoo with the aim of developing a wider appreciation of the various animals and their habitats from all around the world.

Students will also have worksheets to complete whilst viewing the animals, and a small project on their return from the zoo to further develop the knowledge required for the KS3 curriculum. The project will encourage them to explore both the benefits and the drawbacks of zoos.

Students may wish to bring a mobile phones to take pictures to support their project. However, they do so at their own risk and agree to use them only as cameras and not to listen to music or play games during their time at the zoo. If they do not use their phones responsibly, they will be confiscated in accordance with the school's normal 48-hour rule.

We will travel by coach, leaving school at 8.45am and returning at 4pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks. There **will not** be an opportunity to purchase food at the zoo.

Parents/carers are invited to make a payment of **£24.00** towards the cost of the visit, to cover entry to the zoo, transport and insurance. We do not wish to exclude any student from the visit. However, without this financial support from parents, the visit may have to be cancelled. Therefore, if you are concerned about payment, please contact us in advance of the deadline as we may be able to direct you to agencies which might be able to support you. **Payment may be made in two instalments of £12, by 16 May and 6 June, or in full by 16 May.** If you have any difficulty meeting these deadlines, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Brockwell

Science Teacher/Group Leader