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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 Educational Visit to Twycross Zoo, Atherstone
Friday 1 March 2024**

We have arranged for all students in Year 7 to visit Twycross Zoo on Friday 1 March 2024. The aim of the visit is for students to enrich their learning, and this will also link to their science scheme of learning.

Twycross Zoo is renowned as a specialist primate zoo and has a wide variety of monkeys and apes including the UK's only group of bonobos. Set in more than 80-acres, they have around 900 animals of more than 160 species to see, including many native species in the Zoo's Nature Reserve. Students will be able to walk with the ring-tailed lemurs in their new walk-through enclosure; see giant tortoises watch the penguins take their daily walk.

The cost for this visit will be to £19.75 per student and payment should be made via ParentPay. We will travel by coach to the zoo, and students are asked to arrive at school for 8.00 am with an 8.20 am departure from school. We aim to return to school for 3.30pm. As this is outside of normal school hours, please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements for your child to return home safely.

Students will be unsupervised within Twycross Zoo for parts of the visit; however, staff will be within the general area at all times. Personal accident insurance is covered under the school's educational visits insurance policy.

Students should wear full school uniform and bring a warm, waterproof coat. They will also need to bring writing equipment and a packed lunch, snacks and drinks (no glass bottles please). If they are in receipt of free school meals, a packed lunch can be provided and can be collected on the morning of the visit, if requested.

Whilst on this visit students are reminded that they are representing the school and are expected to behave according to the school's behaviour policy, showing respect and courtesy to the general public. The school reserves the right to refuse any student a place on a visit if his/her behaviour is judged to be inappropriate before the visit. All students will be briefed prior to the visit as to what is expected of them.

The school recommends that the students do not bring any media devices with them on the trip and are reminded that it is their responsibility to look after them at all times and treat those of their fellow students with respect.



Please complete the parental consent form attached and return it to either reception, or form tutors, by Wednesday 21 February 2024 indicating that you give permission for your child to go on this visit.

Also please indicate on the form any medical conditions, or special needs, your son/daughter has that we should be aware of. If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me, alexander.windows@hartschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr A Windows
Deputy Director of Faculty - Science



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR YEAR 7 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO TWYXCROSS ZOO, ATHERSTONE – Friday 1 March 2024.

Please complete this form and return it to Reception by Wednesday 21 February 2024.

Medical and dietary details. My son/daughter has the following medical, dietary or special appropriate container/bag and identified with their name etc.

My child is entitled to Free School Meals and would like to order a packed lunch from the canteen (please tick)

Insurance. I understand the limits of insurance provided for these visits.

Transport. I understand the transport arrangements for these visits and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt where provided. I understand that the coach is returning after school hours and will either collect my child or make arrangements for their journey home.

Behaviour. I understand that the school reserves the right to refuse any student a place on a visit if his/her behaviour is judged to be inappropriate before the visit. I understand that responsible behaviour and safe conduct are expected of my child at all times during the visit.

Medical treatment. In the unlikely event of a medical emergency, I give my consent for treatment to be administered.

Student

I understand that I will take responsibility for my actions and behave appropriately when out of school

Student signature: _____

Parent/Carer Consent

I agree to my son/daughter attending the trip to Twycross Zoo

Name of student (please print): _____ TG _____

Signed: _____ Name: _____
(Person with parental responsibility)

Date: _____

Emergency contact during the visit

Name of emergency contact (please print): _____

Contact telephone number: _____