



# John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 7 Visit to Whipsnade Zoo – Friday 12th July 2019**

As part of Focus Week the Science Department have organised a visit to Whipsnade Zoo for Year 7 on Friday 12th July 2019. The visit gives students an insight into some of the conservation work carried out by the Zoological Society of London and also how evolution by natural selection leads to animal adaptations.

The group will depart from school at 9.30am and travel by coach to Whipsnade. We shall return to school by 2.45pm. As a result no alternative arrangements will need to be made to collect students who usually travel home by bus.

Students are required to wear **school uniform**. However, they may wear appropriate footwear for walking around the park. The students should also bring appropriate waterproof clothing, if the weather forecast is not good, or sun cream, a hat and plenty of water in case of hot weather. We recommend students bring a packed lunch although there may be some opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks in the Park.

The cost of the trip is **£14.00** which includes transport, insurance and entrance fee to the zoo. Please note that although the cost is voluntary the trip is unlikely to proceed unless parents undertake to pay the £14.00 in full.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part on this trip, please complete the consent form and return it to the Finance Office along with your payment of **£14.00** by **Friday 8th March 2019**. The preferred method of payment is via [www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk) online using a debit or credit card by selecting '**Whipsnade Zoo 2019**' under the Shop/Payments section. Alternatively, cheques should be made payable to **John Colet School Fund** and returned to the Finance Office between 8.00 - 8.30 in the mornings. It would also be helpful if the student's name, tutor group and 'Whipsnade Zoo' could be written on the reverse of the cheque.

### **Please note the following:**

**It is essential that the consent form is returned.**

Cheques will not be banked until sufficient numbers to make the trip viable have been confirmed.

Once places are confirmed, payment for the selected participants will be non-refundable.

Any student who is placed on report may be withdrawn from the trip at the schools discretion and will have any monies paid refunded providing another student is able to take their place.

In the event of your son/daughter withdrawing from the trip, payments will only be refunded if another student is able to take their place.

We would not want any student to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances, therefore, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding please contact the Finance Office at [finance@johncolet.co.uk](mailto:finance@johncolet.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

Miss Harling  
Trip Leader

**Year 7 Whipsnade Zoo 2019**

**Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00–8.30am by Friday 8th March 2019**

Student name: .....

Form: .....

Whipsnade Zoo on Friday 12th July 2019. I agree to .....’s participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for my son/daughter to behave responsibly.

My emergency contact number for the duration of this visit is .....

Accompanying staff need to be aware that my son/daughter has the following medical condition(s) and will bring their own medication, and/or dietary requirements

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Paracetamol tablets BP 500mg may be given for a headache/sore throat/other aches and pains in accordance to the Dose on package (*please note that tablets will not be given before 12pm*)

**YES/NO**

- I have paid via parentmail (PMX)
- Please find enclosed **£14.00** cheque payable to John Colet School Fund, with student’s name / Whipsnade Zoo on reverse of cheque.
- My son/daughter is eligible for Free School Meals

Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_