

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

It is with great pleasure that we are able to reintroduce the Year 9 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit. The Tapton Science department organises and runs this visit annually to complement and extend the Ecology and Classification topics within the GCSE Biology course. We also hope to engage and inspire our students in Biology outside of the classroom and open their eyes to potential career opportunities.

Itinerary

The trip will be run over three consecutive dates, please see below for the exact date your child will be attending:

9Y Band (Forms: 9HO, 9ED, 9RB)	Monday 18th July 2022
9X Band (Forms: 9MM, 9KS, 9WR)	Tuesday 19th July 2022
9Z Band (Forms: 9LF, 9PM, 9FG, 9AS)	Wednesday 20th July 2022

We will travel to and from the venue (Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster, DN9 3HQ) by coach. **Students should arrive at school for 9am where their teacher will register them outside reception.**

We will return to school at 3:30pm, but this may vary due to traffic. If there is a significant delay in our return time then we will advise students to let you know via a text message. Please indicate on the permission form if, in the event of a late return, your child will be collected from school or make their own way home. Please ensure that your child has taken travel sickness pills if needed.

Requirements

Students must wear their normal school uniform, however they will need to wear sensible shoes or trainers as the day will involve a significant amount of walking.

Students will need to bring refreshments, a packed lunch and a drink / water bottle (no cans or glass bottles). If your child receives free school meals a packed lunch can be provided, please indicate if this is required on the permission form.

Students should come prepared for all weather, and bring a coat, hat, sunscreen, waterproof clothing etc.

During the day we may have time to visit the café or the gift shop. If you wish your child can bring a small amount of money to be able to purchase refreshments or a memento of the day, we recommend a maximum of £5.00.

Face mask guidance from the park is as follows: *In line with government regulations, it is not mandatory for guests to wear face coverings when visiting but please do so if you wish.*



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Behaviour

We have very clear school rules and expectations. Students need to demonstrate that they are meeting our expectations of behaviour in school in order for them to be allowed to attend the trip. If 'On Call' should be summoned on two or more occasions because of poor behaviour choices, from the date of receiving this letter to the date of the visit, they will not be allowed to attend. Monies paid will be refunded.

We understand the need for students to have a mobile phone whilst out on a school trip. However, just like in school the phone must be out of sight and only used with permission from staff. The same safeguarding rules that apply in school also apply on school trips and we need to monitor and control mobile phone usage. If a student misuses their phone it will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the day, before they begin their homeward journey.

Contributions

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £19.50 towards the cost of this visit. We endeavour to make all trips accessible to all students however, if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the visit will not be able to go ahead. In this situation monies paid will be returned in full and we will advise all students at the earliest opportunity. **Payments will need to be made through the ParentPay system or via a barcode letter by Friday 24th June 2022.** If you require a barcode letter please contact the school office.

Parents and carers who find themselves in financial difficulties should refer to the school's Charging and Remissions policy if they wish to make a hardship application.

School trips can really enrich and expand a student's educational experience. We therefore operate a hardship policy at Tapton in order to provide opportunities to students whose families are experiencing genuine and unavoidable financial difficulty. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to contribute to this fund, making it clear that this is entirely voluntary and there is no obligation on you to make a contribution. However, if you wish to, you can do so using ParentPay, selecting the payment item 'Hardship' and entering the donation value. The funds will only be used to support students experiencing financial hardship and the senior leadership team will decide how the funds will be spent using their discretion and professional judgement.

If you wish for your child to take part in the trip, please complete and return the permission form by Friday 24th June 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Miller
Teacher of Biology



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PERMISSION FORM

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Please return to Mrs Miller in the Science Department by Friday 24 June 2022

Student’s name.....Form..... Mobile number.....

Parent/Carer emergency name and contact number:

I hereby confirm that my child has permission to attend and participate in the above event.

***Please delete as appropriate:**

- My child will **be collected / make their own way home*** from Tapton School **if our return is after 3.30pm.**
- I **give / do not give*** permission for my child to travel each way by coach.
- I **give / do not give*** permission for my child to receive emergency first aid/medical care by a doctor or hospital in the event of an accident.
- I **give / do not give consent*** for the sharing of minimal data required to ensure the safe and smooth running of off-site visits and activities.
- I have paid the voluntary contribution of £19.50 via **ParentPay/ barcode letter*** on (date)

Please tick as appropriate:

My child receives free school meals NO YES

If yes, please confirm if your child requires a packed lunch NO YES

If there is any medical information about your child which you feel we should know, e.g., allergies, medication needs, etc., please specify below or request a confidential medical form to complete:

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Keeping your child safe is our top priority. If there is anything else that you think we should know please give detail below. If you would rather email this information please contact the trip leader Mrs Miller at jmiller@taptonschool.co.uk.

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Signed.....(Parent/Carer) Date.....



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