

Our Ref: 003 16

January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

I am planning on taking all AS and A2 Psychology students to Chester Zoo on Thursday 25th February 2016. We will be leaving St Margaret's at 9am and aim to return at around 4 - 4.30pm (traffic permitting). The day includes a one hour workshop involving groups of 15 students. During this 'around the zoo' teaching session, the students will be accompanied on a tour of different primate species. Observable behaviour will be discussed as well as the social organisation of species visited, communication and social learning. Students are allowed to spend the rest of the time looking around the zoo.

There is at least one café open for the students to purchase food if they wish. The shop is also open throughout the visit. Students are not allowed to visit the pub which is in the grounds of the zoo and are reminded to behave in an appropriate manner throughout the day. Each student will be given the school mobile number so that they can contact me in the event of an emergency.

To cover the costs of the trip the school asks for a voluntary contribution of £16 (this includes entrance fee, the cost of the workshop and transport to and from the zoo). If the voluntary contributions do not cover the cost of this trip, we regret it may have to be cancelled. In line with a recent change to our Charging Policy, pupils for whom we receive Pupil Premium funding (eg. those entitled to Free School Meals) will not be required to make a voluntary contribution for this trip.

A meal is not included, so please ensure your child either brings a packed lunch, or has sufficient funds to buy lunch from the zoo café.

Please return the reply slip below no later than Monday 5th February.

Students must remember to complete a leave of absence form before they go and make sure that they catch up on any work that they may miss.

Please be aware that your child will need to make their own arrangements to get home from school on our return.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Nicholls
Head of Psychology - Excursion Leader

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REPLY SLIP- Chester Zoo Psychology Trip

Name: _____ Form: _____

I understand and accept the contents of the above letter, and give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the visit to Chester Zoo on February 25th 2016 and enclose the non-refundable voluntary contribution of £16.00/I do not wish to make a voluntary contribution* (**delete as appropriate*)

Signed: _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____