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Dear Parents / Carers

The Science Department are delighted to offer Year 8 students the opportunity of a trip to visit Whipsnade Zoo. The trip aims to be inclusive of all students, regardless of need.

The visit is open to all Year 8 students and will take place on **Wednesday 17th July 2024**. The Whipsnade Zoo visit will offer all students the chance to study a wide variety of animals and see conservation in action. The visit aims to inspire, inform and empower students to stop wild animals becoming extinct and understand their role in future conservation projects.

We will depart from Great Marlow at 9:00 am and should return to school by 3 pm to the Redgrave Sports Centre car park. We will ask your child to let you know if our return is delayed at all.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £20 per student to cover costs of travel and entry. Whilst there is no obligation to contribute, and no student will be excluded because parents are unwilling or unable to contribute, the visit may be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions.

If your child would like to attend, you must complete the MS consent form and pay any voluntary contribution via Wisepay by Monday 3rd June to confirm their place on the visit.

Students will be expected to wear full school uniform and adhere to School Behaviour Policy throughout. Any students not behaving as staff ask them to will be sanctioned appropriately. Students will be supervised throughout the day. Students will need to take a packed lunch for the event and light waterproof clothing/sunscreen.

Whilst the trip to Whipsnade Zoo is not compulsory, it offers a valuable learning experience for all students and will be well worth their attendance.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Brassington Science Teacher