

Year 7, 8 and 9 end of term trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear parent/carer,

Below are the final arrangements for our visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

Timings of the day

8.30am prompt – Students must meet staff in the canteen canopy, prior to walking down to the coaches. There are two coaches: Year 7 students will travel on Coach 1 and students from Years 8 and 9 will travel on Coach 2. Students will stay in these groups throughout the day.

8.45am – Coaches depart. If students arrive after 8.45am, they will not be able to attend the trip and must go to school.

9.30am-3pm – enjoy the park. Students will stay with the everyone in their year group to make sure they can spend time with friends. YWP has advised that, in fact, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult whilst in the park, so staff will remain with each of the two groups as they make their way around the park. This is a reward trip, so we will aim to give students as much freedom as possible to spend their time as they wish.

12noon-1pm – both groups will pause for lunch and refreshments.

3pm – meet staff at the exit of the park and then board their coach.

3.15pm – Depart YWP

4.15pm (approx.) – arrive back at Scarcroft Road (allotments). Students will be dismissed from here so please make arrangements for them to get home safely or meet them here. We will ask students to contact you if our anticipated time of arrival changes significantly.

During the Day

Students should wear sensible non-school uniform (their own clothes) and comfortable footwear. Clothing should be appropriate for a school trip. Please consider the weather forecast, which, at the time of writing, is for around 19 degrees with a strong chance of rain. Please provide your child with appropriate clothing, including a rain coat.

Students should bring plenty of food and drink, or sufficient cash to buy them from the park. Students will be responsible for looking after their own money throughout the trip. We strongly recommend that students bring plenty of fluids with them, as drinks are quite expensive in the park.

If students are buying lunch, we recommend at least £10 as most meals cost £5-8 and they will need drinks on top of this. Please note that these were the prices last year so may have increased. Please ensure your child has sufficient money to buy food and drink if they are not bringing a packed lunch.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch for them to take with them on the trip, please ask your child to speak to the staff in the canteen by Friday 14 July to order one.

Please do not send your child with sweets or snacks for the coach journey as this is a relatively short journey and we have agreed no food and drink with the coach company to help keep coaches clean and avoid delays in cleaning up.

Students are responsible for all personal belongings, including bags, mobile phones, wallets/purses, earphones/Air Pods, and money throughout the trip. Medication should be given to a member of staff to look after and will be available throughout the day at the park entrance where staff will always be on duty.

Keeping Safe

The groups will stay together throughout the day, so there will always be staff on hand to assist. Students will be given a card on the coach with a school mobile number to call or text if they get separated from their group and instructed to seek out the nearest uniformed member of YWP staff.

There is a First Aid station in the Hive near the park entrance.

If your child's medical information or your contact details have changed since you provided consent for this trip, please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency so that we hold up to date information for your child. Tel - 01904 686400 or E - admin@millthorpe.southbank.academy

Conduct on the trip

We are delighted to have the chance to offer such an exciting trip for our students. We want the students to have an amazing day and make wonderful memories with their friends as they mark the end of Year 7, 8 or 9 in a positive way. However, this is a school trip and students are representing our school. Our expectations are as high as they would be in school and, whilst we really hope this would not be necessary, sanctions will be imposed on our return to school if really needed. If there was an incident of really poor, dangerous, or unsafe behaviour, we would reserve the right to prevent the person responsible from attending future trips, both in the UK and abroad. If it was a really serious breach of our expectations, we would need to contact you to request that you collect them from YWP.

Thank you for supporting this trip. We are really looking forward to a thoroughly enjoyable day out as we approach the end of this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Collins

Business Manager