Wednesday, 4th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Science Department are delighted to invite your child to visit Chester Zoo on Monday 23rd September 2019. The aim of this trip is to support the delivery of our Science curriculum in Year 8 by allowing pupils to experience animals and bring their learning to life. There are over 125 acres of zoological gardens to explore and over 27,000 animals to discover. Chester Zoo was founded in 1934 with the one purpose of preventing extinction, which means pupils are able to experience some critically endangered species that no longer survive in the wild. Pupils will attend a conservation workshop led by zoo staff, where they will investigate the threats to biodiversity; learn more about the species that are affected and the role of a modern zoo in the 21st century to help conserve them, through education work, breeding programs and in-situ conservation. During the day pupils will also have a number of activities to complete as they explore the Zoo in groups of approximately 15 with a member of staff.

We will leave school at 9am, and return to school at 4.15pm, though this will of course depend on traffic. Pupils are permitted to wear appropriate non-uniform but sensible foot wear and a waterproof will be required. Other items also needed for the day will be: a packed lunch, drink and snacks, spending money if wanted, a pen and a camera. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will need to request a lunch from school via Ms Cree. Please be aware that we are unable to take responsibility for phones, cameras, ipods etc. These will need to be store somewhere securely such as a rucksack. Pupils will receive further information regarding the trip during tutor time in the coming fortnight.

We very much hope your child will be able to attend this trip, as it will enhance their learning and inspire a greater understanding of the world around them. It is envisaged that the whole year group will attend. The contribution needed for this trip will be £20, payable via the school post-box system or our online system scopay. Financial assistance is available in some circumstances, please contact school for further advice. Payment is required by Friday 13th September 2019, and are to be handed into the finance office. The medical form should be completed online as per the instructions on your text.

If you have any queries regarding this trip then please do not hesitate to contact myself at [kcr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:kcr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Cree

**Principal Teacher of Science**

**REPLY SLIP – Please return to Mrs Cree via the school post box by Friday 13th September 2019**

Pupil Name: ……………………………………………………………………………… Form: ……………………………

I give permission for my child to go on the Y8 Science trip to Chester Zoo on Monday 23rd September and enclose the £20.00 cost and completed medical/code of conduct forms. I will ensure my child has arrangements for getting home safely in place.

Parent/Carer signature: ……………………………………………………………. Date: ………………………………..