



08/03/2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Year 7 Bristol Zoo – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

This year, Ridgeway School is very excited to be able to offer a trip to Bristol Zoo. Trips to Bristol Zoo have been very popular in the past, and we have found that the Zoo consistently offers high-quality days out which enhance the Key Stage 3 curriculum. The trip will involve exploring the zoo and its inhabitants, as well as a workshop with one of the zookeepers. The workshop will explore the link between dinosaurs and current life on Earth, highlighting key curriculum concepts such as the Earth's timeline, as well as the role of adaptation in evolution.

Government legislation states that we may not charge for visits during the school day, but can ask for voluntary contributions. **The contribution necessary to fund this visit is approximately £ 20.00 .**

Before we decide whether or not to make definite arrangements, we shall need to know how many parents will be prepared to make a voluntary contribution for the cost of the day visit. I must stress that your child would not be denied a place on the visit just because you declined to make a voluntary payment. However, the school will not proceed with the visit unless it is clear that there will be sufficient income for it to be financed.

If your child is pupil premium indicated, you may be entitled to a percentage of financial assistance if the trip is curriculum linked.

If you would like your child to participate in this visit, please complete the reply slip below and return it to name of staff member by date. A slip **must** be handed in to ensure your child is included in the list. We would not wish anyone to turn up assuming there is a seat/ticket available for them.

Please remember that arrangements must be made for your child to get home, as we may not return until after the school buses have left.

**NO MONEY IS REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE.** The decision to take part in this trip should not be made on the basis of friends going as payments are non-refundable/transferrable.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

If there is a change in circumstances resulting in your child **withdrawing** from the trip after an application has been submitted, it is very important that you notify the finance office immediately in writing or email [finance@ridgewayschool.com](mailto:finance@ridgewayschool.com) who will in turn contact me, the party leader.

Yours sincerely

Lydia Donaldson  
Science Teacher



**When collecting your son/daughter, please do not park in the school layby as the coaches will not be able to access the front of school which will bring the main road (Inverary) to a standstill**

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Name ..... Mentor Group.....

- I do/do not\* wish my child to participate in this visit should it go ahead.
- I am/am not\* willing to make the approximate voluntary contribution of £ for the cost of this visit.

\* Please delete as appropriate

Signed ..... Date.....  
(Parent/Guardian)

Please print name .....  
(Parent/Guardian)

Please hand this form in to .

**Note:** May I remind you to please ensure your child is not committed to any other trip/appointment where the dates may overlap as the payments are non-refundable should they withdraw and non-transferrable.

