



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am very pleased to be able to explain to you the arrangements for the Year 7 trip as part of Discovery Week 2019.

On Tuesday 16th July we have arranged a day trip to Paradise Wildlife Park, near Broxbourne. We will depart from school at 9.00am and will return to school by 3.00pm. It is only about a 20 minute journey by coach.

Although it will be July, the weather can never be guaranteed and in order to ensure that your daughter can enjoy the day, which will be principally outside, it would be advisable for her to have a suitable jacket to put on over her school uniform and, of course, sun protection if we are lucky enough to have good weather. There are many steps to viewing platforms and lots of walking, so suitable comfortable shoes should be worn, not trainers.

She should bring a packed lunch that may be eaten in one of the picnic areas in the Park (leaving no litter), and she should bring plain water to drink; no fizzy drinks please. A packed lunch will be provided for girls on free school meals.

There is a souvenir shop so we suggest she might like to bring around £5 to buy something to bring home or an ice cream.

Normally, the girls should not use mobile phones on school trips. If there are particular reasons why parents/carers wish their daughters to be able to use them, these must be put in writing to me, as the trip organiser, in good time for me to respond.

There will be an educational talk on preservation of endangered species as well as having plenty of free time to look around the wonderful collection of animals at the Park. The big cats are particularly exciting including white tigers, white lions, cheetahs and snow leopards.

If your daughter is required to take any medication during the day of the trip then she must bring it with her and hand it to a member of staff.

We hope she enjoys her day, but there are codes of behaviour that we must insist upon. Wild animals are easily distressed by loud noises or excitable behaviour, so the girls must stay quiet and calm around the animals. There is also a strict safety policy at the Park and there are always Keepers around supervising. Bishop's girls are always praised for their good behaviour – let's uphold the good reputation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cardell – **Health Faculty**

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