



17th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Chester Zoo and Blackpool Pleasure Beach visits

As part of our Curriculum Excellence Week, we are delighted to be organising two off site visits to Chester Zoo and Blackpool Pleasure Beach. **Chester Zoo is for our Year 7 and 8 children** and **Blackpool Pleasure Beach is for Years 7, 8 and 9**. This is a reward for their fantastic work and behaviour this year and will be an opportunity to spend time with their friends and enjoy an experience outside of school.

Monday 15th July Chester Zoo (Years 7 and 8) £28

Coaches will depart from school at 8.50am and should arrive back at approximately 3pm. Children will be required to arrange an alternative way home should we be delayed in returning back to school.

Thursday 18th July Blackpool Pleasure Beach (Years 7, 8 and 9) £44

Coaches will depart from school at 8.50am and should arrive back by approximately 5pm at the latest. Children will be required to arrange an alternative way home, as school buses will not run at this time.

Initial information for both days is as follows (this will also be communicated to children nearer the time):

- Wear suitable clothing and look at the weather forecast the night before. Be prepared for rain or sunshine (waterproofs, sunhat, sun cream etc)
- Bring a packed lunch with plenty of drinks (those in receipt of Free School Meals will provided with a packed lunch)
- Bring a small amount of money to purchase snacks and souvenirs
- Phones and other valuables are brought at childrens' own risk

Any children who have been suspended at any point during the academic year 2023-24 will not be permitted to attend either trip and will instead be required to attend school. For any other children who do not wish to attend, alternative activities will be arranged in school.

If you would like to secure a place for your child please pay via our online payment system ParentPay, by using ParentPay you are giving your consent for your child to attend the trip. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash or cheque payments. To assist with planning and staffing, we would ask that you pay and give consent by 24th May 2024. The cost of the trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach is £44 and Chester Zoo is £28. I appreciate this is an increase from last year but this is due to a significant increase in transport costs and I would like to assure you that the prices do represent best value for money.

To avoid any disappointment, please be aware that **anyone who misses the deadline will not be able to attend the trips and this deadline cannot be extended**. Monies paid are non refundable unless a replacement is found. If your child is in receipt of Free Schools Meals and you require financial assistance for this trip, please contact the Finance Office directly on finance@stjamesheadle.co.uk. If your child is



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not in receipt of Free Schools Meals but you require some support, please contact the Finance Office who can set up a payment plan.

If you have any queries about the trips, please contact Mrs Rarity regarding Chester Zoo d.rarity@stjamesheadle.co.uk and myself for Blackpool c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Pickles
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