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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Zoo Visit Details for Parents

As we prepare for our upcoming educational visit to **Blackpool Zoo**, the health, safety, and well-being of your children remain our highest priority. We want to share the full travel arrangements and safety measures in place for this exciting day. As part of our Risk Assessment process the decision was made to go to Blackpool Zoo due to its size and layout as opposed to Chester Zoo where it would be more difficult to supervise a group of children.

Our transport and safety protocols include:

- **Journey Timings:** The coaches will depart the school grounds after morning registration. We plan to arrive back at school in time for the end of the normal school day, traffic dependent.
- **Professional Coach Transport:** We have chartered seatbelt-equipped coaches from a fully licensed and vetted transport provider.
- **Strict On-Board Safety:** Teachers will verify all seatbelts are securely fastened before departure. Staff members will be distributed across the vehicles to monitor behavior and comfort during the journey.
- **High-Visibility Measures:** For maximum security and easy identification within the zoo grounds, **both staff and children will wear high-visibility jackets** throughout the day.
- **Staff Supervision:** The children will remain in the care of school staff and vetted volunteers all day.
- **School Contact:** The staff at the zoo will remain in contact with the staff in school at all points during the day. School staff will communicate with school if needed.
- **Travel Updates:** In the event of any major traffic delays on our return journey, we will send an immediate update via our school Parent Mail messaging system. Please do not telephone the office this will delay our ability to inform all parents / carers.

Essential Checklist for the Day:

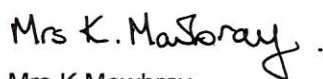
- **Money:** Please do not send any money with your child. There will be no opportunity for them to spend it during the visit, and it may get lost.
- **Footwear:** Children must wear strong, comfortable shoes or trainers suitable for a full day of walking.
- **Lunch:** Children require a packed lunch packed entirely in fully disposable wrapping (e.g., paper or sandwich bags) so that all rubbish can be easily thrown away at the zoo picnic areas. Please do not send hard plastic lunchboxes or reusable bottles, for your child to carry.

Weather Preparation: Please check the weather forecast on the morning of the trip:

- **If rain is forecast:** Please send your child with a light coat or waterproof jacket.
- **If the weather is hot:** Please apply suncream before school, send a named bottle of suncream for reapplication, and provide a sun hat.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time for normal registration on the morning of the trip. The coach will not be expected to wait for late arrivals.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Mowbray

Head Teacher

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