

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Yellow and Orange class

## **Early Years visit to Northumberland Zoo**

We are delighted to let you know that we have organised a school visit to **Northumberland Zoo** for children in Yellow and Orange class. Children and staff will be going to the zoo on Monday 14 March. We are especially excited as this will be our first school visit for our Early Years children due to the restrictions that have been in place up to this point.

### **Purpose of the visit**

The children will visit the zoo to observe a range of animals based on our “farms and animals” topic. The visit will give the children the opportunity to understand the key features of different animals and their habitats.

### **Timings**

We will leave school after registration has been completed. We will be back at school by the end of the school day at 3:15pm so there are no changes to the arrangements at the beginning or end of the school day. This is a full day visit so parents of children who currently do 15 hours need to note this.

### **Clothing**

Children should wear their **own clothes** which are appropriate for a full day outdoors. They must have a **warm, waterproof coat** and **footwear** that will be comfortable for being busy all day.

### **Lunches**

All children in Yellow class are entitled to a free school meal due to the Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative. The options for lunch for Yellow class children are either parents provide a packed lunch or parents ask us to provide a packed lunch for your child.

The options for lunch for Orange class children are either parents provide a packed lunch or parents ask us to provide a packed lunch for your child. If we provide a packed lunch for your child, it costs £2.30.

If you are providing a packed lunch for your child please be mindful of providing foods that they can manage themselves and that they enjoy. Please do not send in sweets or fizzy drinks. It would also be helpful for them to bring their school water bottle as well as a drink in their packed lunch.

Please let us know if you are providing a packed lunch or if you would like us to provide a packed lunch on the **attached reply slip**.

Please put your child's packed lunch and/or water bottle in a **rucksack** so they can carry their things themselves and still have their hands free.

### **Cost**

We will be travelling to and from the zoo via coach. There is a charge for each child to visit the zoo.

- £8.95 per child to visit the zoo
- £300 for the bus
- making a total cost of **£550.60**
- divided by the number of children in Yellow and Orange class = **£19.66 per child**.

We realise that this is a large sum of money, so school has subsidised this with **£410** from fundraising money so the cost to parents/carers will be **£5.00 per child**. Therefore we are requesting a **voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child**. We hope you agree that the voluntary contribution of **£5.00** per child for a brilliant day out represents **excellent value for money**, as it is quite a lot less than the actual admission price to the zoo.

### **Next steps**

Please complete and return the attached reply slip by **Friday 11 March** and make payment of £5.00 on **School Gateway**.

We are really looking forward to taking our children to Northumberland Zoo. I have visited a number of times myself with my daughter and we always have a brilliant time seeing the animals. If you would like to have a look for yourselves, their website is <https://www.northumberlandzoo.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell  
Headteacher

## Early Years visit to Northumberland Zoo

Child's name		
Class	Yellow	Orange
	I give permission for my child to visit Northumberland Zoo on Monday 14 March.	
Emergency contact name and number		

My child has the following <b>medical conditions</b>	
My child needs to take the following <b>medication</b> on the visit (only if prescribed by a doctor)	

<b>Lunch choices</b> for Yellow class- please tick one option	I am providing a packed lunch for my child	I would like school to provide a free packed lunch for my child
Yellow class child		

<b>Lunch choices</b> for Orange class- please tick one option	I am providing a packed lunch for my child	I would like school to provide a packed lunch for my child at £2.30
Orange class child		

Signed	
Date	

**Please complete and return by Friday 11 March along with payment of £5.00 on School Gateway.**

In School Gateway, go to "payments" and then the option for "Yellow and Orange class visit to Northumberland Zoo 14 March 2022"