

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRIPS TO THE WILDLIFE PARK

*The Wildlife Park is an ideal education resource for school visits, with much to inspire and interest secondary school students.*

*Although the majority of students are considerate and well behaved when on school trips, we have in the past received complaints about bad behaviour, particularly at the end of the summer term, when large groups come to the Park as part of enrichment weeks.*

*This reflects badly on both the Park and the school, as well as compromising the safety of students, other visitors, and the animals.*

*In view of this we have introduced a **CODE OF CONDUCT** for secondary schools visiting the Wildlife Park. It would be greatly appreciated if all staff and students could be made aware of its importance, prior to their trip.*

### Staff

- It is the responsibility of teachers, not the Wildlife Park staff, to supervise pupils' behaviour at all times whilst in the Park. Please make sure that there are sufficient staff on the trip to ensure adequate supervision.
- If students are allowed to walk around unaccompanied, teachers should regularly check that students are not misbehaving, and should at all times be aware of the whereabouts of all students.
- Teachers must at all times accompany students around the jumping pillow and play areas, where there are likely to be families with young children.
- Students who are considered likely to misbehave must be accompanied at all times.
- **In order that school staff can be contacted on site if there are any issues, please give the Park two staff mobile numbers when you arrive on the day. The Park's contact number is 897323**

### Students

- The welfare of the Park's animals is paramount at all times. **Do not attempt to chase, feed, or disturb the animals in any way.**
- Litter presents a serious health and safety hazard to the animals. In particular, **DO NOT DROP ANY LITTER OR OTHER OBJECTS INTO ANIMAL ENCLOSURES.**
- The jumping pillow and play areas are out of bounds to all unaccompanied students.
- Be polite and considerate at all times to other visitors within the Park.
- Bad language can cause serious offence to the Park's visitors, particularly when young children are around, so please do not use bad language whilst in the Park.
- Students using the café should not cause disturbance to other customers in the café.

*Many thanks for your co-operation. We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will have an enjoyable and safe day out at the Wildlife Park.*