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Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

Year 9 Stop the Clock Day Trip to Marwell Zoo, Monday 7th November 2022

As part of the learning development programme at Beaminster School we have a number of days during the school year when the hourly timetable is suspended. These "Stop the Clock" days allow students to study key aspects of the curriculum for an extended period of time and in greater detail.

On **Monday 7th November** Year 9 will be involved in an exciting day of scientific enrichment at Marwell Zoo. Throughout the day students will have full access to all public areas of the Zoo and tasks to complete as they visit these areas in order to maximise the learning taking place on the day.

On the day of the trip students will need:

- Warm, sensible clothing
- Footwear suitable for walking all day (e.g. trainers)
- School coat (we will be outside for most of the day)
- A packed lunch including drink (lunch will be provided for students entitled to Free School Meals)
- Any regular medication e.g. asthma inhaler
- A pen or pencil.

We plan to leave promptly by 9am travelling to the Zoo by coach, so please ensure that students arrive in school on time or inform the school of any absence as early as possible. We will aim to leave the Zoo at 3pm with an expected return time around 5pm.

Mobile phones are permitted on this trip so that students can take photographs of the animals, however, please note that we can take no responsibility for loss or damage of these expensive items and any misuse of mobile phones during the day will result in them being confiscated for the remainder of the trip.

The UK is currently in an **Avian Influenza Prevention Zone**. This means that the risk of Avian Influenza in captive poultry has increased. The zoo is politely asking that ALL guests who have contact with captive birds do not walk through their aviaries. We will make this known to the students.

Students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will automatically get 50% of the cost of the trip subsidised.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£22** per person. Could I please ask that payment is made through **ParentMail +Pay**. If you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception or the school website [Forms, Policies and Key Information \(beaminster.dorset.sch.uk\)](#)) as soon as possible.

Please sign page 43 of the student planner to give your informed consent for this trip and to acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to the information provided about the trip.

Should there be any changes to medical details or contact information for your child for the day of this trip please email the school at office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

All planners must be signed and payments made by **Wednesday 2nd November** please.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me JCrossland@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Yours faithfully
Mr J Crossland