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Dear Parents/Carers,

21st June 2017

Whipsnade Zoo Trip Tuesday 27th June 2017- Final information

Year one are very much looking forward to their trip to the zoo on Tuesday 27th June. Please read this letter carefully as it contains all of the information you need to know about the trip.

On Tuesday we would like all pupils to be **dropped off and collected from the main reception at normal time (8.45am and 3.15pm)**. By doing this we can make a prompt departure and the children can all be collected centrally and safely should timings change during the day. The pupils will depart at 9.15 a.m. and return back to school in time for normal collection. Should this time change by more than 15 minutes we will notify parents by text (**please make sure that we have your current mobile number**). If you have an annual pass for the zoo which you child be using on the day **please can you drop these passes into school by Monday 26th June**. If you do not bring in the passes your child will not be able to attend the trip. We will take care of the passes and give them back to you on the same Tuesday as you collect your child.

Pupils will be required to wear **school uniform but can wear trainers or comfortable footwear** (not sandals). The children will need to **bring a packed lunch** that can be disposed of once eaten, **sun hat** and a waterproof coat just in case. Please do check the weather and dress your child appropriately. As we have been lucky enough to have lots of nice weather recently **please ensure you apply sun cream on your child before the trip**. If you think your child will require more sun cream **please give them the bottle in a named plastic bag** to keep with them. Please also make sure the children have a **water bottle** in their bag that we can refill when needed.

All of the children will be responsible for their own belongings so will need to bring a **small rucksack with them to carry their lunch and coat in**. We advise the children have rucksacks with **thick straps** on as these are more comfortable for the children to wear. Draw string bags will cut into the children's shoulders as they walk and we strongly suggest the children do not use them. The adults on the trip will not be able to carry the children's bags for them.

We are sure that it will be a great day and are looking forward to it!

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team

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