

15th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below details regarding the Year 7 Science visit to Thorp Perrow Arboretum which has been organised to fit into the Year 7 programme of study. It builds upon the topics of ecosystems. The visit date is Thursday 5th July 2018 which fits in with the whole school alternative curriculum day.

Pupils will be involved in the following activities throughout the day:

- Tree trunk exploration and hug a tree.
- Scavenger hunt.
- Leaf trail and research.
- Pond survey.
- Animal encounter and flying display.

Pupils will be arranged into small working groups before leaving school, they will then walk along Firby Road to the Arboretum, approximately a mile, with staff as one large group. A full risk assessment has been carried out on the activities. It would be appreciated if you could reinforce the need to be sensible and safety aware throughout the visit. It is essential that pupils behave, especially around ponds and along roads. Equally important is the need to respect our local environment, plant life and animals. Littering will not be tolerated.

On this occasion, school uniform will not be expected, however, suitable walking footwear and a waterproof coat may be necessary. There will be a facility at the centre where pupils can eat their packed lunch and they will also be able to purchase a selection of drinks and snacks at the tearooms. Please keep spending money to a minimum.

For the visit, pupils will need to have with them:

- Suitable walking footwear and a waterproof coat.
- A packed lunch (small amount of money is optional).
- A drink for the walk to the centre.
- Pen, pencil and ruler.
- Sun cream if hot weather.

Pupils will return to school in time for the usual 3.20pm finish.

The cost of the visit is £5.00 which covers the cost of entry into the centre. All students are required to attend this trip as it is part of the Science curriculum. Please make payment and give consent via ParentPay by Monday 25th June 2018.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Rodgers
Science Teacher