

11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Dropdown Day Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm – Tuesday 20th October 2026

We are pleased to announce that we have an exciting trip planned for your child's first half term at Patchway Community School.

Year 7 will visit Noah's Ark Farm Zoo as part of our Modern Foreign Languages curriculum.

In preparation for the visit, we will cover the subjects of numbers, colours, and animals and the rules of adjectival agreement.

On the day, each student will complete an animal hunt activity and take part in a half-hour workshop on animals and their habitats. They will also have some free time to look at the animals, take a tractor ride around the park and play in the play area.

Once back in school, each student will take part in a writing competition to write about their visit. If your child is unable to attend the day, they will be able to write about a fictional visit.

Students need to be in school normal time on the day of the trip and go to their tutor registration as usual. We will then meet the coach outside school and depart at 9:30am. Students will return to school for the usual finish time of 3.00pm. The cost of the trip is **£21.00** which includes the entrance fee, a tractor ride, transport and insurance.

Students can wear their own clothes suitable for spending a day outside, however they are likely to get muddy so please wear something old with a pair of comfortable trainers. Students will need their school bag, a waterproof jacket in the event of rain and suncream depending on the weather as they will be outside for the full day. They will also need to bring with them a packed lunch for the day and a refillable water bottle. (Students entitled to FSM will have lunch provided). Students may also bring some money if they wish to buy extra food from the café or something from the gift shop.

If you are happy for your child to attend the trip, please complete the online payment by logging into the [Arbor Parent Portal](#) no later than **Friday 2nd October**. *Payment for the trip via Arbor automatically confirms you have consented to giving permission for your child to attend the trip.* **There are no concessions for dropdown day trips.** We are also unable to receive cash payments.

The offer of participation for this trip will be subject to each student's behaviour (conduct) and attendance (with all students aiming for a minimum of 96%). Thus, the school reserves the right to withdraw any student from any trip or activity at any point based on student wellbeing, safeguarding, conduct, or any other reason that is in the best interests of the student, the trip, and/or the school. Under these circumstances the cost of any payments already made will not be refunded. Parent(s)/carer(s) and students will be informed if there is a risk of jeopardising a place on the trip/ chosen activities.

All paid monies are **non-refundable** unless the school chooses to cancel the trip due to insufficient numbers, at which point any contributions made by parent(s)/carer(s) will be refunded in full if the money is held by the school. **No other refunds** will be available at any point, as the school will have to settle the payment with the company once reserved. This includes if your child moves or leaves the school.

If a student is unable to attend this trip because of ill health or an accident and the school is unable to obtain a refund from the travel company, then a letter will be required from their doctor with details of the illness/accident to make a claim through the insurance policy.

Failure to meet the deadline for a key payment could result in your child being removed from the trip, with no refund of monies paid to that date.

Please refer to our Charging and Remissions policy for more information <https://www.patchwaycs.org.uk/Policies/>

Medical conditions

If your child has a medical condition or takes regular medication that the school should be made aware of, please arrange to meet with the trip organiser or contact the Office Manager to complete a Home-School Agreement.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Office Manager via email – tania.hull@olympustrust.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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