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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to our whole school visit to Chester Zoo tomorrow. We are over the moon that this event can still go ahead, it is exactly what our school and children need. The current guidance from the DfE, Public Health and Wirral LA COVID Support Team is that this visit can continue as planned, with the agreement that families, children and school stick to the risk assessment and plans in place to keep everyone safe. .

In order to make these as safe as possible we have completed a risk assessment based on Public Health Advice. There will be some key measures that we have put in place that require your attention prior to your child attending tomorrow. If you are not prepared to follow these measures or if you are anxious we will provide work for your child to complete at home but we would love all children to attend. Please read all information carefully to avoid bombarding our staff with questions, as you can imagine, we are incredibly busy.

What you need to do before your child goes on the visit:

- We strongly advise all children to take a LFD home test on the morning of the event and if they test positive, please isolate and follow government advice.
- If children are unwell or have any COVID symptoms (temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell) they must not attend school and will not be able to attend the visit. They must stay at home and follow government advice.
- Ensure that your child has warm clothing- we will be outside for over 4 hours of the day
- Ensure your child wears their school jumper/cardigan so we can identify them easily
- Ensure your child has suitable footwear- we will be doing lots of walking
- Ensure that your child has medication- if required
- Ensure that you have completed the permissions form online- if we do not have this, your child cannot attend
- Ensure your child has a packed lunch if they are in Explorers, Nursery and Years 3-6 and not entitled to free school meals. Packed lunches will be given to all classes Reception- Year 2 and those entitled to free school meals
- Children do not need to bring anything, no phones or devices, snacks or money under any circumstances.
- Make sure we have your most up to date contact details in case of emergency

What school are doing to ensure the safety of your children on the visit:

- We are asking that all children and staff have a negative lateral flow test on the morning to be able to attend
- If anyone is unwell or have any COVID symptoms (temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell) they will not be able to attend the visit.
- Children will remain in their class bubbles for the day
- Coaches have air filtration to ensure good ventilation
- All staff and pupils will wear face coverings on the coach
- School will provide masks for all children and staff for the 40 minute coach journey
- Regular handwashing and staff will carry hand sanitiser and anti-bacterial wipes for regular cleaning
- Bubbles will remain socially distanced from other bubbles and members of the public and will not mix in communal areas

What children will be expected to do on the visit:

- Be on time for school- the coaches will leave promptly and cannot wait
- Be well dressed for the weather- check the weather before you leave and be prepared.
- Wear their mask on the coach journey
- Follow all rules and instructions from Eastway staff
- Regularly wash and sanitise their hands
- Avoid direct physical contact and do not mix with anyone outside their own bubble
- Tell an adult straight away if they are unwell

What you will be asked to do after the visit:

- If your child tests positive for COVID within 2 days of the event please inform the school immediately via schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for following the measures we have in place. The children are really excited to be going and we cannot wait to share this amazing day with them.

Please be aware that the current COVID situation, both locally and nationally, is changing almost by the hour and there is still a chance that the event may be cancelled. In the unfortunate event that this happens we will aim to let families know with as much notice as possible.

As always thank you for your understanding and support as we aim to get the Christmas period off to a great start with a great school trip and fun day out!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Morris

Headteacher