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Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the Year 8 Science course we shall be taking students to **Twycross Zoo**. Twycross Zoo has a comprehensive collection of primates, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and fish! There are over 1,000 animals on show including Bornean Orangutans, Asian Elephants, Inland Bearded Dragons, Northern White-faced Owls, Boa Constrictors, Red-kneed Tarantulas and many more.

Your child's class will be going on **Friday 30th June 2017** for the whole day. The students will meet in the Lower Site cage at 8.45am, ready to depart at 9.00am and arrive back at school by 3.20pm depending on traffic. Students must wear full school uniform (including blazer) and will require a packed lunch. There is a shop so students may wish to bring a small amount of money to spend. All pupils will also benefit from an educational talk from the keepers at the zoo during their visit which relates to Biology topics they have been studying in class this year.

We would invite you to make a contribution of **£16.50**.

Payment should be made by using your online Squid account. **PLEASE USE portal.squidcard.com**. Select the 'Trips and Offers' option, then select the trip or item you are paying for. Payment is to be made between 18th April and 5th May 2017 – please note the deadline payment date. If you have any queries with Squid payments please contact customerservice@squidcard.com. *Please note that if the transaction amount is below £10 it is advisable that you top up your account by bank transfer or standing order to avoid the 25p charge levied by Squid.*

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- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Tax Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Credit
- Universal Credit, may like to contact me by telephone or letter, in confidence, by 18th April 2017, to discuss further financial assistance. **However, it must be emphasised that the event can only take place if parents' contributions cover the cost of the activity.**

Yours sincerely

Miss K Hancock
Coordinator of KS3 Year 8 Science

Twycross Zoo Friday 30th June 2017. P- Half. Please return this reply slip to Miss Hancock in the Science office after you have paid

Student Name: _____ Form: _____ Science Group: _____

I consent to my child going to Twycross Zoo.

Emergency contact number if different to the numbers already held by GSA: _____

I have made a payment of £16.50 on my son/daughters squid card

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

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