

# The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 7 Educational Trip to Colchester Zoo – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

We are very excited to offer the opportunity of a whole year group trip to Colchester Zoo on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

This trip is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about various animal species, their habitats, and conservation efforts in a fun and engaging environment.

Coaches will leave The Gilbert School at 09:00 and will return at approximately 14:30. Students will need to be in full school uniform including normal footwear, though they may wish to pack a raincoat or sun hat (depending on the weather forecast).

Mobile phones can be brought at student's own risk; however these are to remain off for the duration of the trip with the same rules as we follow when students are at school.

We will have an allocated area outside to eat our lunch so students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take with them.

We will not be exiting the Zoo via the gift-shop.

The cost of the trip is £18.75\*. The cost includes transportation, entry to the zoo, and all educational activities. **Please provide your consent and further medical details by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.** Once we have confirmed your child's place, the trip will be activated on ParentPay and payment should be made by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**\*If your child holds a VALID Zoo Pass for May 2025, the cost will be £11.15.**

**Please ensure this is brought into school and given to the year 7 office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**These will be collected and kept safe until they are returned after the trip. If a valid Zoo Pass is not provided on this date, the full cost will be payable.**

Yours faithfully

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