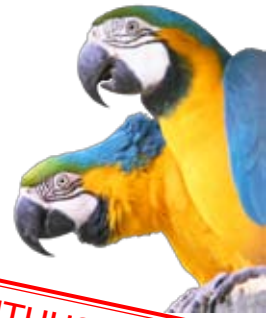




EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL VISIT INFORMATION



"ENTHUSIASM ABOUT ANIMALS AND NATURE IS INFECTIOUS AND ZOO VISITORS ARE HIGHLY 'SUSCEPTIBLE' TO EDUCATION"

At Linton Zoo we are committed to the conservation of endangered species through captive breeding programmes and also education. We feel the two go hand in hand. Like other good zoos we offer an opportunity for people to find out more about some of the creatures with whom we share the world. Our award winning education programme suits a wide age range and is geared to start with visitors as young as pre-school age.

PLANNING A VISIT TO LINTON ZOO

BOOK YOUR COACH FIRST!

We advise that you book your coach first. This is particularly relevant in the Summer months when coaches get booked up fast. It is unlikely that we will be unable to accommodate you on the date you choose.

Although we have many picnic areas and a large covered area, if extremely wet and cold you may prefer to eat on the coach so it is a good idea to check with your coach company to find out if you are allowed to do this.

MAKE YOUR BOOKING WITH US.

If you do not already have one, a booking form can be downloaded from our website or posted out upon receipt of a telephone call. **Please return the booking form by post.**

Please complete all relevant sections of the booking form. Keeper talks, guided tours, goody bags etc. must be pre-booked. We cannot guarantee availability on the day if not booked in advance.

ORGANISERS PREVIEW VISIT

Please phone to book your teacher pre-visit. Safety guidelines are available to assist with your risk assessment.

SPECIAL PROJECT?

Tell us if the children are working on a special project and we will try to adapt any talks and encounters towards their project.

PRE-BOOKED ADMISSION RATES FOR 2012

	Child age 2-13	Additional Adult	Child age 2-13	Additional Adult
	Paid at least 2 weeks in advance *		Prebooked at least 1 week in advance and pay on the day.	
Rate for 20 or more paying people.	£5.25 (£4.38 + 20% VAT)	£6.50 (£5.42 + 20% VAT)	£5.75 (£4.79 + 20% VAT)	£7.50 (£6.25 + 20% VAT)

For a pre-booked group of 20 or more paying people we will give you 1 free supervising adult ticket (age 18+) for every ten paying children.

* **Payment must reach us 10 working days before your visit in one lump sum.** Any additions to the initial payment will be charged the 'on the day' rate.

Payments accepted: school or business cheque, debit card or cash.

Refunds can be claimed following your visit should any member of your pre-paid party not be able to attend, a £10 administration charge will be applied.

A £25 cancellation fee will be applied if a pre-paid group cancels completely.

BRING THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM TO LIFE!

KEEPER TALKS AND ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Our award winning Fur, Feathers, Scales and Dinosaurs/animal encounter is available to book AT NO EXTRA CHARGE for your school group. This interactive talk will feature a range of our zoo animals allowing children to get very close to some of the animals. This talk must be pre-booked.

We have an additional range of different talks and animal encounters available to book. To discuss your needs please telephone the zoo office or email us so we can advise what we believe would be the best talk for you. Additional talks are charged at £50 each.

VIP CLASS VISIT WITH A DEDICATED KEEPER FROM START TO FINISH!

We can provide a keeper dedicated to your group for the duration of your zoo visit (lunch and breaks excluded). Discuss your visit with our experts and get much, much more from your visit.

Maybe stop off for a Tiger and Big Cat conservation talk and feel real animal skins (custom seizure). Meet and touch a real live owl, stop off at the reptile house and handle some of our snakes, lizards and bugs. Get a closer look at some of the animals which the keepers can call over to the barriers and let the children ask the keepers lots of questions!

This is recommended for groups of around 30 children. The cost of this special guide is £90. This must be pre-booked and pre-paid and is non-refundable.

GIFT SHOP

Our trained staff will welcome you to our gift shop, but it is useful for us to know if your group is planning to visit the gift shop, this is to ensure we can provide adequate staffing levels to efficiently deal with the larger numbers of children. If we know how much your children have to spend we can offer mini-deals to your group, so they get better value!

GOODY BAGS

Sometimes there just isn't enough time to fit it all in and a trip to the gift shop is often rushed, solve the problem - just grab and dash with your pre-booked goody bags. These can be adapted to suit your group and topic of study. Our standard better value goody bag is £3.50 inc VAT, although we can adapt these depending on your needs, bespoke items start at just 80p for a zoo pencil. So contact the zoo office to discuss your goody bags contents.

FOR THE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL WE NEED TO HAVE SOME RULES:-

- Children should not be allowed to wander unaccompanied at any time.
- Feeding of any animals is not allowed. Each animal has a special diet and should not be given anything else - not even grass!
- Do not, for any reason, climb any fences or cross any safety barriers. If you drop anything over a barrier ask a member of staff to get it for you.
- Please walk quietly around the zoo, so as not to disturb any of the animals who may be nesting or have young.
- Ball games are only allowed in the car parks.

Please remember that a member of your group must go to the gatehouse to confirm numbers and hear any news for the day, before you can gain entry to the zoo.