

## Behaviour guidelines for schools at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

We want all our visitors to have fun and an enjoyable time at the Zoo. This list has been written to make sure everyone understands what behaviour is expected on their visit to the Zoo.

Please make sure you read through this list with your students, and possibly ask them for their ideas on what they could do to make their visit as enjoyable as possible.

- Even though it is very exciting and you want to see everything, try to **walk around the Zoo instead of running**
- To see the animals behaving naturally, it is great when visitors are very quiet so the animals don't feel scared. **Please don't yell, knock or tap on the glass at enclosures**
- Our animals are fed very special diets. Make sure they **don't get any extra food** as it is not good for them
- We are very lucky to have some animals that can free roam around our 600 acre site. Visitors are able to watch these animals closely but **please do not chase the free roaming animals** as this can scare them and result in some animals abandoning their young.
- Some of the exhibits allow visitors to walk through the animal areas. Where this is the case, **please do not try to touch the animals** unless you are in the touch paddock.
- Make sure to **use the hand wash dispensers** placed inside and outside of walkthrough exhibits and always wash your hands before eating
- It is very important to **stay with the adults accompanying your group**. They will be able to answer any questions you have and make sure you have a safe visit. Whipsnade Zoo is 600 acres in size and phone reception is not reliable. Therefore, staying with your accompanying adult is very important.
- Please help us keep the Zoo clean and tidy and **put your rubbish in the bins provided**. We have separate bins for recycled materials so double check you are putting the right things in the right bin

If you have any questions while you are at the Zoo, please ask any member of Zoo staff. You can identify them by their green uniforms (pictured left) and our friendly volunteers are in white and red uniforms (pictured right).

