



Noadswood

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As a follow up to the very successful visits from Crazy Creatures last academic year, we have arranged fortnightly sessions at Crazy Creatures where pupils will study various modules within the AQA Award Scheme. Pupils will create portfolios highlighting the things that they have learnt and the skills that they have developed, based on the following modules:

- Equine Care
- Business Enterprise project
- Care of reptiles and exotics
- Wildlife and conservation/ecology
- Biology: classification and adaptation

These sessions will take place on a Week B Wednesday afternoon 1.15-2.15pm up until October half term. Following the break, the sessions will move to a Week A instead. The impact is minimal as the session just swaps with Life Skills which involves the same staff.

The first session will be on Wednesday 18 September and we will leave school on the minibus at approximately 12.30pm and return to school in time for the normal Redwood end of day. Pupils will follow their normal timetable in the morning and have an early lunch at 12noon.

There will be hand gel and wipes available during the session to ensure safe hygiene when around or touching the animals. Pupils will be reminded of behaviour expectations before the visit and Crazy Creatures will be following their own safety procedures during the session and it is down to their discretion whether a pupil handles any animals at the time.

We take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students at all times. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your

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child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. The closing date is **Monday 16 September at 4pm.**

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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