



# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Headteacher  
Mrs C. A. Dean B.A. (Hons), NPQH

## **Science Club Trip to see and walk with Alpacas** **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**

As part of our Science club we will be taking students to Cary Alpacas for a visit. Whilst there we will have a talk about breeding and looking after alpacas and how they live in the wild. We will then be taking the alpacas on a guided walk for about an hour.

We will be leaving school at 12.15pm and returning at approximately 4pm. We will be travelling by school minibus and visiting Cary Alpacas, Rag Lane Cary Fitzpaine, Rag Barn, Yeovil BA22 8JB. Students should wear appropriate footwear for walking in the countryside, trainers or walking-boots and bring wet weather gear. They may come to the school in the morning wearing a track-suit or trousers for the trip.

Your child should bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals then a packed lunch will be provided by the school. Pupils may also bring a mobile phone or camera to take photos on the day.

The school budget cannot fund the whole cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£12.00** per child to cover the cost. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of **£6.00**. **The payment deadline is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** By using ParentPay to pay for this trip you automatically give consent for your child to attend. We regret that refunds cannot be made unless the visit is cancelled by the School.

If a significant number of parents are unable, or unwilling, to make a voluntary contribution the activity will be cancelled to prevent the school incurring financial loss. However, the school would not wish to exclude any child from taking part on the grounds of financial hardship. If you cannot afford to make payment at this time, please email [affordableschools@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:affordableschools@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk) in confidence with a brief explanation of your circumstances.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your



child is either asthmatic or has anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By replying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip, as good behaviour and co-operation is necessary when taking part in a trip. If we deem your child's behaviour serious enough to be excluded from the trip you will not be refunded.

We hope that you will support this exciting opportunity for your child.

Should you have any queries or questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H James

Teacher of Science

