

# Five Sisters Zoo Nursery Trip – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Information for Parents

### **Travel & Arrival**

- Five Sisters Zoo is around 35 minutes from New Monkland Nursery.
- Please meet in the front playground at 9:10am for final checks.
- Buses leave at 9:20am, so please arrive on time.
- Please stand with your child's Keyworker group so staff can complete registers easily and direct you to your designated bus.
- When we arrive at 5 sisters Zoo, Mrs McKnight will sign the group in and organise entry.

### **Food & Lunch**

- There is a café on site, but we recommend bringing a packed lunch for both you and your child, should you wish a school packed lunch please speak to Mrs McKnight.
- Five Sisters Zoo asks visitors to eat only in designated picnic areas.
- Staff will be at the Play area at 11:30 for anyone who wishes to meet up to enjoy lunch together.
- We encourage you to ensure your child washes their hands before eating.
- Lunch: A space will be available for our group in our Marquee at the centre of the zoo. We will have use of the space from 11:30-12:00. Please note that other groups may be in the space and tables for your group will be identified by signs posted on top. A storage bin for packed lunches will be provided and noted on your welcome pack

### **Exploring the Zoo**

- After entry, families are free to explore the zoo at their own pace.
- Staff will be present throughout the day, supporting children and engaging with groups.
- There are various animal talks that you may wish to attend and are as follows – Lemur 11am, Penguins at 12pm and Lions at 1pm.

### **End of the Day**

- Please return to the buses at 1:50pm.
- Buses will leave promptly at 2pm.
- You and your child must return on the same bus you arrived on (Bus 1 or Bus 2).
- Buses will be clearly labelled, and staff will be available to help.

### **Medication & First Aid**

- Children with medical conditions must bring their medication.
- If you forget it, nursery-held medication can be provided.
- Mrs McKnight and Miss Lucyna are the First Aiders for the trip.

### **Gift Shop**

- The shop can be very busy later in the afternoon.

- If you plan to visit, consider going earlier in the day or allow extra time.



### **Safety Guidance for Children**

- Please remind your child to:
- Follow all zoo rules and listen to adults.
- Do not touch animals unless a keeper says it's allowed.  
Wash hands:  
Before eating  
After touching animals  
After using play equipment  
Before leaving the zoo
- Only eat their own food in designated areas.
- Never put fingers in their mouth.
- Stay with their Parent/Carer and never wander off.
- Avoid climbing fences, walls, or enclosures.
- Be gentle and calm around animals.
- Tell an adult immediately if they become separated.



### **Optional Extras (Not Included in Entry Fee)**

- These may be available on the day:
- Leaping Lemur Soft Play
- A few small Children's rides such as Safari Train, Swinging Pirate ship and Children's go Kart track, all subject to sessional availability, and some require coin payment.

These activities are at parental discretion and require close supervision.



### **General Safety Notes**

- Five Sisters Zoo is designed with family safety in mind. To help keep everyone safe:
- Keep children close near water areas and open ponds.
- Avoid touching zoo equipment or vehicles.
- Pregnant visitors should avoid close contact with hoofed animals and newborns.
- If shoes become dirty, zoo staff can direct you to cleaning areas.
- In an emergency, follow staff instructions and move to the nearest assembly point.



### **Contacting Staff During the Visit**

Nursery staff will be positioned throughout Five Sisters Zoo and available to support families at all times. If you require assistance during the visit, you can:

- Contact the school directly: 01236 794883
- Visit the main reception desk at Five Sisters Zoo, who can contact nursery staff immediately.

Staff will respond as quickly as possible to ensure everyone remains safe and supported.