Your guide to your Schools Safari Ranger visit

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Arrival

- Your Safari Ranger/s will arrive at your school 15 – 30 minutes before your first workshop is due to start to allow time to set up your workshop/s and to sign in.
- Your Safari Rangers will be easy to identify as they will be in Chester Zoo uniform and will arrive in a branded zoo vehicle.

If you have any specific sign in requirement e.g. DBS, photo ID etc. please do let us know in advance.

- For all workshops we will bring a box of resources, one for each topic we are delivering so we may have several boxes with us. We will bring a trolley to move our boxes around your school.

Please let us know if there is unlikely to be parking close to your school entrance.

Please let us know if you have any steps or stairs that we will need to negotiate.

If we are with you over lunch break we will need somewhere secure to store our boxes, if they will not fit in a staff room.

Location

- All our workshops are designed to be delivered in classrooms. They can be delivered in a hall or other space but this is not necessary.
- KS1 workshops work well on floor/carpet spaces with children sitting in a circle so items can be passed round. KS2 upwards may prefer to be on chairs around tables.

Your workshop/s

- Each workshop will last approximately 50 minutes. We will need 5 minutes at the start and end of each to set up and pack away our resources and move between rooms if we are delivering multiple workshops in different locations in your school.
- Our workshops are designed and resourced for a typical class size of around 30 pupils we ask that you do not combine classes (unless already agreed during the booking process) as we want your pupils to have the best possible experience.
- The resources for your workshop may include bio-artefacts such as feathers, fur and nuts.
Please let us know if any of your class have any allergies or phobias (not just to the items listed above)

- Our aim is to make our workshops as engaging as possible. During most of our workshops we will ask for the class to be split into smaller groups for activities and to move around the classroom.

Please let us know if you have any pupils with any special needs so that we can make any necessary adjustments to your workshop.

Class teachers should remain with the class during their workshop.

We are sure that you won’t want to miss out on this great experience or the opportunity to link your pupils learning during their workshop to their learning journey with you. We may also ask for your participation during the workshop!

**Finally a few extra but very important bits...**

- Please ensure that all participants wash their hands before the start of our workshop. We recommend that they also wash their hands at the end of our workshop.
- We want everyone to enjoy our workshops so ask that school staff ensure that appropriate behaviour is maintained during your workshops. Workshops will be stopped if disruptive or threatening behaviour is experienced.
- We ask that no food or drink is consumed during your workshop.
- We ask that there is a trained first aid staff member on site during our visit.
- Please ensure you have parental consent (if needed) for students to take part in our workshops as they may be touching animal skins, skulls and possibly covering topics such as evolution.
- We are happy for you to take photos and if you do please do share on Twitter using the handle @LearnatCZ.
- We prefer that you do not take video but if you would like to please do ask your Safari Ranger on the day.

**And just as a reminder...**

Please let us know if:

- You have any specific sign in requirements e.g. DBS, photo ID etc.
- There is unlikely to be parking close to your school entrance.
- You have any steps or stairs that we will need to negotiate.
- Any of your class have any allergies or phobias.
- You have any pupils with any additional needs.

We are really looking forward to visiting your school. If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do get in touch with us:

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