



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoil Ard Noo Ninian
Our Ref: LSW/LK

11th June 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 Trip to the Wildlife Park

Year 7 students will have the opportunity to visit the Curraghs Wildlife Park on Thursday 16th July 2026. This is a fantastic chance to explore the Isle of Man's only zoo and to see conservation programmes in action, particularly those focused on breeding and protecting endangered wetland species. Students will also be able to see a wide range of animals, including large cats, birds of prey, primates and meerkats.

During the visit, students will attend a short lecture in the Rainforest Theatre and take part in an engaging trail activity, answering questions in small groups for the chance to win prizes. There will also be time to explore the park, including the Nature Trail. In addition, the park offers a range of attractions such as adventure playgrounds, a giant jumping pillow, a miniature railway and mini diggers.

Lunch arrangements:

Students may either bring a packed lunch or purchase a pre-ordered Meal Deal (hot food) from the Park cafe. Form tutors will collect Meal Deal orders **by Friday 10th July 2026**. Payment for pre-ordered meals should be brought in cash on the day of the trip and handed in when meals are collected (change will be given). Students eligible for Free School Meals can collect a packed lunch from the Lower School Canteen on the morning of the trip.

Most activities within the Park are free; however, students may bring a small amount of spending money if they wish to.

What to bring:

Please ensure your child wears appropriate non uniform clothing and footwear for a full day outdoors. In warm weather, students should apply sun cream before arriving at school and bring some to reapply during the day. In wet weather, waterproof clothing is advised. Any required medication should be brought and carried by students as normal.

If paying by cash, please complete and return the permission slip below to the school office by **Monday 13th July 2026**. Alternatively, payment can be made via ParentPay, which will also serve as the electronic consent.

Important info:	
Eligible year groups	Year 7
Leading Teacher	Miss Salway
Cost	£7 (includes travel and park entry) Payable via ParentPay. Pupils can bring spending money to the Park if desired.
Permission Slip	ParentPay payment acts as electronic consent (no slip required) If paying by cash, a completed permission slip must be returned to the Lower School Office.
Lunchtime arrangements	Pupils can either bring packed lunch or £8.95 in cash to pay for their pre-ordered meal deal lunch at the Wildlife Park (<i>order with their tutor in form time</i>). Menu enclosed with this letter.

We are looking forward to an informative and fun day for Year 7.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Salway
Head of Biology

Enclosure

LOWER SCHOOL (Years 7 – 9)
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HEAD TEACHER Mr C. J. Coole

Live to Learn
Learn to Live

Wildlife Park Mangrove Cafe School Meal Deal

**£8.95 for 1 main, any combo of sides + 1 drink
(cash only on day of trip, change given)**

Main Options:

1. Sausage
2. Chicken Nuggets
3. Hot Dog
4. Lasagne
5. Veg Hot Dog
6. Veg Lasagne

Sides Options:

All of the above can come with the following available on a buffet (no need to pre-order):

- Chips
- Garlic Bread
- Rice
- Beans/Peas
- Cheese
- Gravy

NOTE: gluten-free bread for burgers/ hotdogs/ garlic breads available on request

Drink Options:

- 1x fizzy drink
- bottle of water

*Student to pre-order with their **form tutor or Head of Year**
by Friday 10th July 2026*

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Year 7 Trip to the Wildlife Park

Please return the permission slip to the Lower School Office by Monday 13th July 2026

I give permission for my child to participate in the Year 7 trip to the Wildlife Park on Thursday 16th July 2026..

Student Name _____ Tutor Group _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____