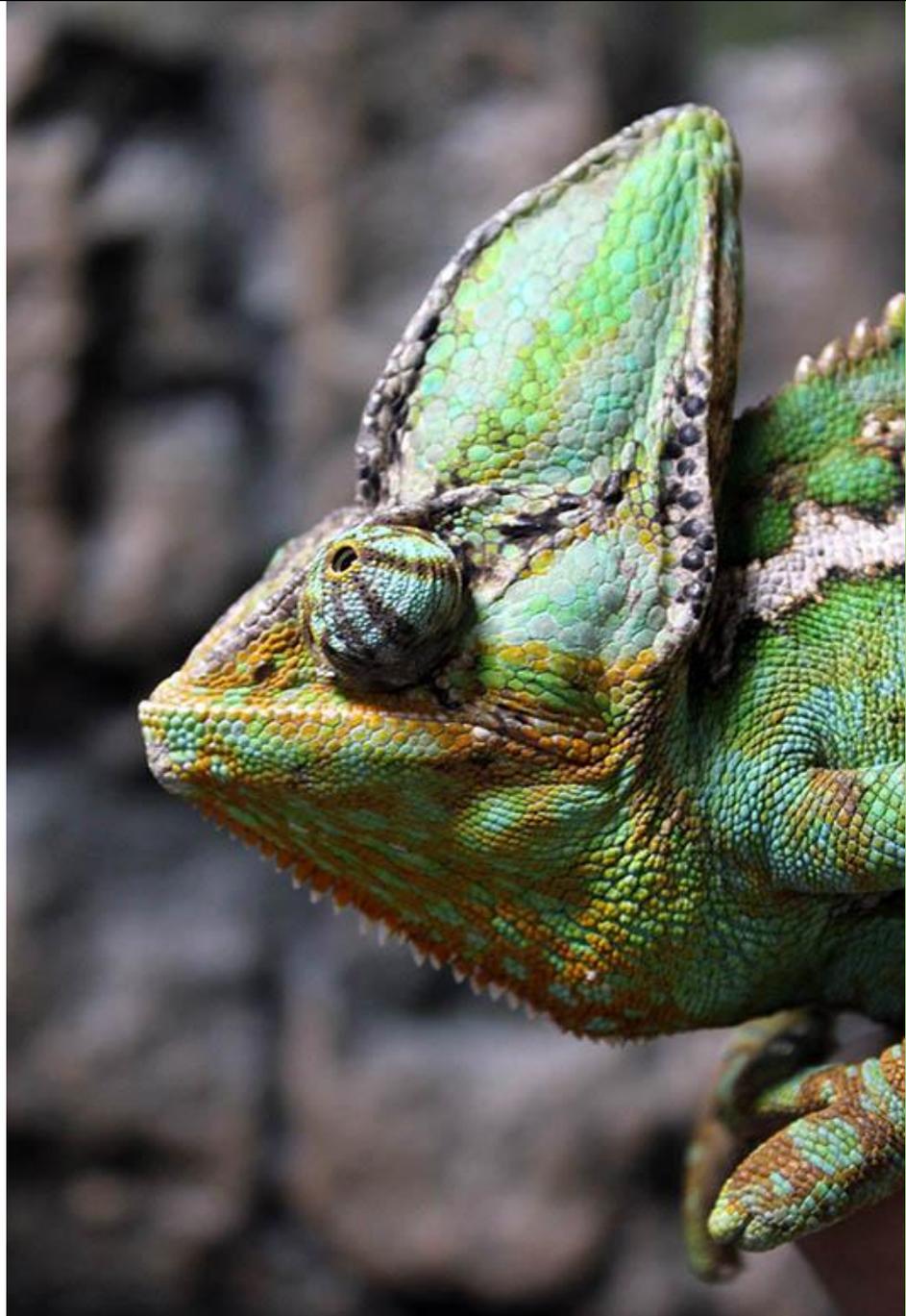




# School Information Pack





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## Educational Topics KS1 & KS2

We are constantly evolving and adding new educational topics. **If there is a particular topic which you are currently studying at school, then let us know and we will try our best to accommodate you.**

If you would like a more in-depth description of our current topics with details of accompanying PowerPoint's and worksheets then please contact us. Here is a brief outline of our current topics and their learning outcomes.

### Food and Farming

- To recognize that all food comes from plants or animals
- Provide examples of food from animal and plant sources
- Use observation skills to sort foods into plant and animal groups
- Understand how animals and plants are farmed
- Understand that food can be grown at home

### Animal Adaptations

- To recognise that we all have similarities and differences, yet are all unique
- To recognise certain features which help animals in their habitats
- To understand that habitats can effect animal adaptations
- To understand that some animals are better suited to different habitats
- Use observation and thinking skills

### Living Things and their Habitats

- To realise that there is a huge diversity to life on earth
- To recognise features of a 'good' habitat
- To define key terms
- Give reasons why we classify animals
- Understand how animals can be grouped
- Identify the different animal groups

### Predator & Prey

- Differentiate between prey animals and predators
- Define key terms
- Understand food chains and how to produce one
- Understand that animals have different diets
- Understand how the animals get the nutrients they need from their diets
- Recognise some adaptations of animals related to their diet



### Animal Welfare & Care

- Can pupils identify different parts of animal care?
- Can pupils distinguish between right and wrong care?
- Can students develop their own ideas about how to correctly care for different animals?
- To learn about animal care at the park – enrichment ideas
- Identify the five freedoms

### Sustainability & Conservation

- Understand the threats that animals face each day
- Define key terms
- Understand that plants and/or animals can become endangered/extinct
- Understand that humans are responsible for some factors making animals endangered/extinct
- Understand the importance of studying animals and their habitats
- Recognise ways in which we can contribute to the conservation of species
- Recognise ways in which we could live a more sustainable life

### Growth & Development

- Understand the development of different animals
- Understand different parenting methods from different animals
- Recognise that offspring share some characteristics with their parents
- Understand and name features of a healthy lifestyle

### Animal Groups & Classification

- Understand the difference between groups of animals: mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians & fish
- Recognise the difference between cold and warm blooded animals
- See the difference between vertebrates & invertebrates

## **NEW – Education Outreach Programme**

We can bring the zoo to your classroom! One of our zoo rangers will bring some smaller more handle-able species to your school and tailor the educational session to fit your need.

Contact us on [learning@northumberlandzoo.co.uk](mailto:learning@northumberlandzoo.co.uk) for more information!



## Pre-Visits

We strongly recommend that teachers visit the animal park prior to bringing a class. This way, teachers are able to make an assessment for themselves regarding the suitability of the visit for their needs. We are happy to chat **with** teachers on pre-visits, provide our risk assessments and answer any questions you may have.

Pre-visits are free for up to two teachers, but must be pre-arranged and booked with ourselves prior to the visit.

## Admission Prices

	Self-Guided Price	1 Hour Learning Session
Adults (over ratio)	£7.25	£7.25
Children (16 & Under)	£6.25	£6.75
Children (2 & Under)	FREE	FREE

Payments can be made before or on the day of visit and can be paid by cash, BACS or cheque.

### Free Adult Ratios:

We offer free entry to adults within the following teacher/adult : student ratios:

- 1:3 - Nursery
- 1:5 –Key Stage 1
- 1:10 – Key Stage 2+

### Your school visit admission price will include:

#### Self-Guided:

- Welcome Talk
- Relevant Power Points for Pre-visit Activities
- Worksheets for Pre & Post Visit Activities
- Self-guided Tour
- Reserved Lunch Area

#### 1 Hour Learning Sessions:

- Welcome Talk
- Worksheets for Pre & Post Visit Activities
- On-site learning with an educational staff member
- Animal Interactions if relevant
- Reserved Lunch Area

## Directions

We are conveniently located 1 mile off the A1, 5 miles north of Morpeth, 12 miles south of Alnwick.

Look out for the big yellow Beef Jerky Wagon which we park at the end of our road on the side of the A1 when we are open.

## Zoo Map



Zoo maps can be provided for your group and are available at the main entrance. The animal park is currently situated within 17 acres of mixed woodland and open fields.

Map updated as of July 2018.



## **Accessibility**

Between the car park and the entrance to the park, there is some loose stone. This stone makes it difficult for some children's buggies & wheelchairs. Guests can park in front of the entrance whilst unloading/loading, but then the cars must be moved to the car park.

In the animal park, we regret that the 'River Walk' is not currently wheelchair friendly due to the steep inclines. However, the rest of the park pathways are made of a combination of concrete and tar planings. The loose tar planings can make it difficult for some wheelchairs to manoeuvre.

This is something which we are working on for the future.

## **Lunch**

There is a tearoom on-site near the main entrance where food can be purchased if necessary. Pack lunches will be the school's responsibility for the day, however, we are happy to provide storage area for the pack lunches on arrival. There are indoor and outdoor picnic areas available for use.

If you would like us to provide a buffet lunch for your visit then please get in touch and we can provide you with a quotation.

## **Toilets**

Please refer to the map for the exact locations of our toilet facilities. There is an accessible toilet with baby-changing facilities located in the tearoom, with a disabled-accessible toilet block just outside next to the play area.

## **Hand Washing Facilities**

In addition to our toilet facilities, there is a hand washing area near to the Entrance of the animal park. Staff & students are encouraged to wash their hands after eating and/or touching any of the animals.

## **Farm Visits & Risks**

Visiting a farm is an enjoyable and educational experience for many people, particularly children. However, such visits can never be free from all risks. Farm animals may carry a number of infections that can be harmful to people.

The bacterial infection E. coli O157 is a particular health risk, especially for children under five, as they are more vulnerable to this infection and more likely to develop serious illness once infected. Many animals can carry E. coli O157 infection, even when they appear clean and healthy. Cattle, sheep and goats are the main recognised carriers of E. coli O157, and it should be assumed that all of these animals will be carrying the infection.



When an animal is infected with E. coli O157 the bacteria will be in the animal's droppings and may be on the animal's body, fences and surfaces around the farm. Touching animals, fences and other surfaces can thus lead to infection, as you may pick up these bacteria and accidentally pass them to your mouth. It only takes a small number of the bacteria to cause infection.

Washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after you have had contact with animals will reduce the risk of infection. Hand gels or wipes are not a substitute for washing your hands with running water

### **General Rules:**

1. Wash your hands using soap and water, before eating or smoking and after handling the animals.
2. Do not allow the children to kiss animals or drink from animal water troughs.
3. Children should not put fingers in their mouths.
4. Children should be forbidden from eating sweets or other snacks during the visit.
5. Eat only in the designated eating areas allocated.
6. Do not allow children to climb on any walls, fence or gates.
7. All cuts, wounds & grazes must be covered with a waterproof dressing to avoid infection.
8. Children's dummies that have fallen to the ground should not be put back into children's mouths.
9. Wear suitable clothing / footwear, take into account the weather (Winter/Summer).
10. Stay with your group.
11. Ensure all responsible adults are aware of the rules.
12. Do supervise children to ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly.

## How to Behave at the Park

1. Please do not frighten the animals.



2. The animals have a balanced diet so please only feed them the food provided.



3. Climbing on walls, fences or animal pens can be dangerous.



4. Please don't eat the animal feed.

5. Do not touch any farm equipment or machinery unless permitted by zoo staff.





## Visit Risk Assessment

Our visit risk assessment is a document which provides a summary of the types of hazards that visitors and employees may be exposed to and our approach to controlling these hazards. The Director, Mr Brian Bradley is responsible for the Health, Safety and Welfare in all operational matters. This guidance is supplemented within the company's Health and Safety Handbook.

The staff at Northumberland Country Zoo approached the preparation of this Health & Safety Risk Assessment by:

- Looking at all of the potential hazards of visits being undertaken to the park
- Understanding who may be at risk and how
- Evaluating any risks and taking appropriate action to minimise risks
- Using HSE literature & Industry Code of Practice together with the company Health & Safety Policy Statement, Food Hygiene Statement and Animal Handling information.

The management team at Northumberland Country Zoo are to continue monitoring and reviewing progress of the Risks at the park with emergency planning kept under review.

This risk assessment is to be reviewed by August 2019, or earlier if any changes take place with working practices/layout/equipment, or if there is reason to believe that current controls in place are not sufficient or working.

When planning a visit Group Leaders/Teachers must be advised to arrange a preliminary visit to record their risk assessment and of the associated detailed documentation relating to Animal Zoonoses, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Assessment, Fire and Emergency Procedures, all included in the company's Health and Safety Handbook.

### Fire Procedure:

Fire checks are carried out on a regular basis, emergency fire procedures and various health and safety notices are displayed clearly around the park. In the event of a fire, schools will be advised on procedures by a member of staff. Fire extinguishers are located in the Tearooms & Gift Shop as well as Critterland/Tractor Museum and the Hoofstock Barn.

Fire assembly points are located:

- The front of the Animal Park – next to the Car Park
- The outdoor Picnic Area next to Lamby's Tractors
- The Bird of Prey green area

### Smoking Policy:

Smoking is not permitted within the Animal Park, staff have a designated smoking area off-site.



First Aid/Hospital:

A Trained First Aider is always on duty and First Aid equipment is located in the Tearoom.  
The nearest Hospital is:

Wansbeck Hospital  
Ashington  
Northumberland  
01670 513657

Further information is available in our detailed risk assessments which are part of our Health & Safety Policy within a handbook that can be viewed on request.

This version has been analysed by: Brian, Linda & Maxine Bradley on the 1st August 2018, due for revision by August 2019.

Contact Information:

Any queries or comments or to book your pre-visit to the animal park, please get in touch by one of the following methods:

Phone: 01670 787778

Email: [learning@northumberlandzoo.co.uk](mailto:learning@northumberlandzoo.co.uk)

Post: Northumberland Country Zoo  
Eshottheugh Farm  
Felton  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE65 9QH

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**AREA / TASK ASSESSED:**

Visits to Northumberland Country Zoo

**ASSESSED BY:** M Bradley**DATE:** 01/08/2018

HAZARDS	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROLS EXISTING	ASSESSMENT OF RISK				ANY FURTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS
			PC	x	L	RS	
Poor pre-visit organisation and inappropriate plans could increase the risk of other hazards.	Visitors & Staff	<p>Schools are provided with the appropriate Risk Assessment for school visits.</p> <p>Inspection visits are encouraged by Northumberland Country Zoo for the teachers/group leaders who are intending to visit in order to understand the layout of the park and the areas accessible to the group.</p> <p>Adequate staff/carer to student/patient ratios are required for group visits.</p> <p>An in-depth Health &amp; Safety talk will also be given to school groups visiting the park at the beginning of the visit.</p>	2	X	1	2	
Weather conditions – children/vulnerable people with certain disabilities may be more prone to potential extreme conditions.	Visitors & Staff	<p>Inspection visits by teachers/group leaders should provide a good understanding of the situation of the Animal Park and how exposed it is in places so that the adequate clothing is prepared for all members of the group visits.</p> <p>In extreme weather conditions, there are indoor areas where groups can shelter.</p>	2	X	1	2	



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Slips or Trips resulting in sprains, bruises, abrasions or in concussions.	Visitors & Staff	<p>Similar suitable foot wear is to be worn by visitors as they would attend a farm environment.</p> <p>The teachers should take due care and vigilance when moving around the park.</p> <p>Staff are to maintain clean and unobstructed pathways within the Animal Park at all times.</p> <p>Teachers are to exercise close group supervision at all times during the visit.</p>	2	X	1	2	
Bites & Scratches from Animal Handling/ Animal Feeding	Visitors & Staff	<p>Signage is in place to warn visitors regarding certain accessible species at the park which have the potential to bite or scratch.</p> <p>The appropriate handling/feeding behaviours are to be shown during the Health &amp; Safety preamble at the beginning of visit in order to prevent bites/scratches.</p> <p>Staff are to remove any animals which show aggressive behaviours away from public areas.</p> <p>Fencing &amp; enclosures are checked daily to ensure the safety of visitors.</p> <p>First aid is available on-site to clean and dress any cuts.</p>	3	X	1	3	

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Kicking & Butting from Animal Handling/ Animal Feeding	Visitors & Staff	<p>A member of staff will always be in place when any large hoofstock are out of their enclosure in the visitor domain – this member of staff is fully trained to deal with hoofstock in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>The appropriate behaviours are to be shown during the Health &amp; Safety preamble at the beginning of visit in order to prevent incidents.</p> <p>Staff are to remove any animals which show aggressive behaviours away from public areas.</p> <p>Fencing &amp; enclosures are checked daily to ensure the safety of visitors.</p>	3	X	1	3	
Moving Vehicles Being struck or knocked down by moving vehicles	Visitors & Staff	<p>Appropriate barriers are in place and restriction of moving vehicles is in place during the open hours of the park.</p> <p>In the event of a vehicle moving during opening hours, a member of staff is always available to walk the vehicle through public areas.</p> <p>Only trained members of staff are to operate vehicles in the park.</p>	2	X	1	2	



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<p>Zoonotic Diseases could be contracted when visitors come into contact with animals, directly or indirectly, with contact, faecal matter, mucus or blood.</p>	<p>Visitors &amp; Staff</p>	<p>Teachers/group leaders are given guidance pre-visit.</p> <p>Any animal handling situations are carefully controlled by a member of staff and appropriate hand washing facilities are nearby after any handling situations.</p> <p>Signage is displayed around the Animal Park regarding the necessity of washing hands.</p> <p>Appropriate personal hygiene will be highlighted in the initial Health &amp; Safety briefing at the beginning of the visit as well as on automated H&amp;S messages.</p> <p>All animals are checked twice daily for any signs of illness and isolation facilities are on-site to separate animals when necessary.</p> <p>Public areas are maintained to a high level of cleanliness, ensuring that visitors are not exposed to potential risk of zoonotic diseases.</p> <p>Frequent vet inspections on top of faecal sampling conducted in any suspicious circumstances.</p>	2	X	1	2	



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HAZARDS	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROLS EXISTING	ASSESSMENT OF RISK				ANY FURTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS
Animal Escape Bites, kicks, scratches, trampling	Visitors & Staff	Enclosures checked daily to ensure risk of animal escapes are low and only trained members of staff are allowed to operate gates and locks on enclosures. All staff are trained in the Animal Escape Protocol and are aware of how to assist visitors in the unlikely event of an escape.	3	X	1	3	
Adventure Land Electric Tractors Pedal Tractors  Slips, trips or falls	Visitors	Safety and maintenance checks are regularly done on play equipment to ensure safety.  Supervision is required at all times from teachers/group leaders when children are using the play equipment – this is also stated clearly on signage next to the play area.  Electric tractors have a weight limit and are regularly maintained – adult supervision is necessary at all times when in use.  Pedal tractors are regularly checked to ensure that they are safe for children to use – supervision is necessary when children are using them.	2	X	1	2	
<p><b>Key:</b> <b>PC = Potential Consequence:</b> 1 = Insignificant, 2 = Minor, 3 = Moderate, 4 = Major, 5 = Catastrophic  <b>L = Likelihood:</b> 1 = Rare, 2 = Unlikely, 3 = Possible, 4 = Likely, 5 = Almost Certain</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>RS = Risk Score:</b> Score: 1 to 4 (Low risk) = No action necessary                  Score: 5 to 9 (Medium risk) = Action should be considered, moderate priority.                  Score: 10 or above (High risk) = Urgent action required</p>							
Approved by: _____		(Manager)					