



2019 Programme Information

Keeper School is a one day programme designed to provide young people aged 12-14 years with the perfect basis for a future career with animals. This programme will enable participants to reinforce their GCSE Science coursework with hands on experience, make more informed choices for sixth form and college and enjoy a taste of Blackpool Zoo Keeper Academy, the next step to their dream job.

2019 Programme Dates

Course 1 – Sunday 17th February, 2019.

Course 2 – Sunday 23rd June, 2019.

Times

The day will start at 9.30am and finish at 4.00pm.

Cost

£95 per student.

This includes an academic folder and an e-mail with a link to all the photos taken over the day (you will have 4 weeks to download and save the images).

Other benefits for parents/guardians over the one day programme include **one free adult admission**, a free car parking pass and a discount card for the shop (10% discount) and café (20% discount). These will be available to collect from Keeper School staff on the first morning of the course.

T-shirts and Hoodies

In addition for **only £10 per t-shirt and £25 per hoodie**, bright blue Keeper School uniform can be ordered using the application form.

Group Numbers and Staffing

There will be 12 participants per programme who will be supervised by an experienced member of staff. All Zoo School teaching staff are DBS certified (previously CRB certified) and safeguarding aware.

Lunch and Breaks

Participants will have half an hour supervised lunch time and short breaks throughout the day.

Parents/guardians can provide a packed lunch that can be stored safely in the classroom during the morning activities. Please be aware there is no fridge space available.

As an alternative packed lunches can be pre-ordered from the zoo at an additional cost of £3. Packed lunches consist of a sandwich (tuna mayo, cheese or ham), crisps, a yogurt and a drink. If you would like to order these please fill out the relevant part of the application form.

Participants may be provided with squash and biscuits during some breaks. Please state any allergies or dietary requirements on the application form.

Protective Clothing

Participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the programme and the weather. For example:

- Wellington boots
- Sensible flat footwear
- Clothes that can get dirty and damaged (no jeans)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers (wet weather)
- Sun hat and clothes that cover the neck and shoulders (sunny weather)
- Gloves and a warm coat (cold weather)

Sun Protection

Please ensure participants come prepared with protective sun cream when required.

Mobile Phones

Participants will not be allowed mobile phones during the programme day as it is paramount that they are aware of what is around them at all times and they are not distracted in any way. Mobile phones can be stored in a securely locked cupboard in the Education classroom at the beginning of each day if required.

Dropping Off and Collecting Participants

Participants can be dropped off at 9.30am and collected at 4pm from Keeper School staff at the zoo's main entrance.

Participants can only be collected by the authorised individuals stated on the application form. If there are any changes to these details then please contact the Education Department on 01253 830805.

Please be aware that it is paramount that participants are dropped off and collected at the times stated above. If participants are not collected on time then there will be an additional charge to account for staff time.

Application Process and Payment

To apply for the course please fill out the application and consent forms and send by post or e-mail to the addresses below:

Education Department
Blackpool Zoo
East Park Drive
Blackpool
FY3 8PP

zoo.school@blackpoolzoo.org.uk

Please note written signatures are required on these forms.

Once your application has been processed and a place on the programme has been confirmed you will be contacted by e-mail. Once you have received this e-mail you can secure the participants place on the programme by making your payment by cash, cheque or card. Details of how to make this payment will be stated on the confirmation e-mail.