



1 March 2024

Dear Parent,

Year 8 Focus Day trip to Go Ape Alexandra Palace or Battersea Park

Date of Visit: Monday 8 July 2024

Our Summer Term Focus Day takes place on Wednesday 8 July 2024. As part of this, we have organised a trip to Go Ape in Alexandra Palace or Battersea Park. The purpose of this visit is to promote student wellbeing, celebrate achievements this year and build positive relationships.

Departure Time and Entrance: 8.15am or 9am from Linscott Road (depending on which trip students are on)

Return Time and Entrance: 4 or 4.15pm (depending on which trip students are on)
All students will be dismissed from Almack Rd

Visit Location: Go Ape, Alexandra Palace Way, N22 7AY
Or
Go Ape, Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ

180 students will be attending this visit supervised by approximately 14 members of staff. The visit leaders are Ms Samuel, Head of Year 8, and Ms Cook, Deputy Headteacher. Due to students completing activities at Go Ape in groups of 8, we have had to split the year group into two groups. 120 students will visit Go Ape, Alexandra Park and 80 students will visit Go Ape, Battersea Park. We will confirm in June which tutor groups will be going to which venue.

Parents are asked to contribute £25 to cover student entry to Go Ape, the Treetop Adventure experience and other group activities. Please make the requested payment by **Wednesday 3 June** via ParentPay. Please email finance@clapton.hackney.sch.uk if you have any concerns about the cost of the visit or would like to discuss payment options. Parents wishing to make additional contributions toward funding for students whose families are facing financial difficulty can do so via ParentPay. Any contribution is appreciated. It is also possible to pay in two installments of £10 and £15. We recognise that visits are becoming increasingly expensive and have done what we can to subsidise this trip, including using a donation received from the M7 charity. Please be aware that if we do not receive enough contributions, the visit will have to be cancelled. In addition, should there be concerns about your child's behaviour, the decision for them to come on this trip may be reviewed.

We will be walking and using London Transport to travel to and from the venue. Students will need to have £3 on their Zip cards. Students will be expected to follow all normal behaviour rules. It is expected that all students listen to, and follow instructions from, all adults on the visit, including those at the venue. Students will not be allowed to use their mobile phones during the visit and all normal behaviour rules apply.



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If your child has a medical need, please ensure that they have their asthma pump, epi-pen etc with them on the day of the trip otherwise they will not be allowed to leave school to attend the visit. All students will return to school and be dismissed from their normal gates on Almack Rd.

Students are expected to bring along a healthy packed lunch and a water bottle. Packed lunches will be provided for students who normally receive free school meals. Students will not be allowed to visit shops on the way to or from the venue. Students will need to wear exercise clothing suitable for activities like leggings or tracksuits and must wear trainers. More information about this will be provided closer to the visit.

You have been emailed a link to give consent (via Evolve). The email subject is 'Year 8 Focus Day Visit – Go Ape'. Please click the link to give your consent (via Evolve) and make the requested payment of £25 via ParentPay by Wednesday 3 June. If the Evolve consent form is not completed by the date shown above, then it is unlikely that your child will be allowed to go on this visit. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms White and Ms Knott
PSHCE Leads