



Year 7 Transition Event - The Paignton Zoo Challenge!

Overview:

Welcome to our Devon School Games Event, hosted by Active Devon and the Devon School Games Organisers. We aim to provide every child with a positive experience in an environment where the young person's motivation, competence and confidence are at the centre of everything we do.

Target Audience:

- This event is for secondary mainstream and mainstream SEND students in year 7 who are struggling with their transition into secondary school. Its aim is to support young people develop friendships and would suit pupils who are struggling to build friendships, lack in confidence or feel anxious at school. It is not a competitive event. Please select students with this in mind.

Event Date:

- Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Event Venue:

- Paignton Zoo, Totnes Road, Paignton, TQ4 7EU

Timings for the Day:

- **Start: Anytime between 10.30am-11.30am.** Please feel free to arrive anytime within this hour
- **Finish: Anytime until 3.30pm.** You are welcome to finish when you like, up until 3.30pm. If you wish to stay and enjoy the zoo after the event finishes at 3.30pm, you may do so at no additional cost

Format for the Day:

- Groups of 4-8 participants. A maximum of two groups per school
- Each group **must** have one member of staff to accompany a group at all times. Any participants requiring 1:1 support with a member of staff can be accommodated
- Boys and girls
- Year 7 only





What to Expect?

- We are inviting schools to join us at Paignton Zoo for a fun day of problem solving, map reading, teamwork and animal spotting! The aim of the event is to help year 7 students who are struggling with their transition into secondary school to gain confidence, build friendships, explore new environments and above all, enjoy themselves!
- On arrival, you will be greeted by a member of the Devon School Games team, given a map, and asked to make your way to the 'Matobo Camp' building. In your groups, with a member of staff, participants will be given several challenges and tasks to complete around the zoo at their own pace. This is not a competitive event and there is no time limit to complete the challenges. Groups will be encouraged to take their time so they can explore all areas of the zoo and enjoy time spent with their peers
- On completion, please return to the Motobo Camp building to hand in your completed paperwork. In return, participants will be given a hot chocolate or ice cream voucher which they can redeem and enjoy before leaving

Clothing & Footwear:

All participants must come in either school uniform or PE kit. We would encourage comfortable footwear such as trainers or walking boots as participants will be doing a lot of walking. Please bring waterproof coats as participants will be spending most of their time outside.

Lunch & Refreshments:

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of water. Water bottles can be refilled from the main restaurant - please ask a member of staff. Participants are welcome to return to the Matobo Camp building throughout the day for breaks and/or lunch.

Spectators & Guests:

We are not inviting guests or spectators to this event.

Toilets:

There are toilets, including accessible toilets, located in various places around Paignton Zoo. A map of the zoo will be given out on arrival.





Arrival:

On arrival, please make your way to the main entrance where a member of the Devon School Games team will greet you. Please note, whilst the car park is open from 9.45am, Paignton Zoo does not open its doors until 10am and you will not be allowed in until then.

Parking:

Please use the zoo's car park which is free. You are welcome to use the turning circle at the main entrance to drop off before parking if you would like to.

First Aid & Medical Provision:

Schools are responsible for any First Aid requirements for their own students. If however you require further help, please find someone in Paignton Zoo uniform who will be able to assist you.

Nearest Accident & Emergency:

Torbay Hospital
Newton Rd
Torquay
TQ2 7AA

Litter:

Please collect any litter and place it in the bins provided.

Lost Property:

Lost property will be kept by the Devon School Games Organisers. Items will be kept for two weeks after the event.

Risk Assessments:

A risk assessment will be carried out prior to the event date. Event staff will carry out a dynamic risk assessment on the morning of the event.

Entering This Event:

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To register for this event, please complete the [ENTRY FORM HERE](#)





Entry Closing Date:

Entries will close at 6.00pm on Monday 16th October 2023

Event Contacts:

Entries will be dealt with by Annabel White who can be reached on the following: Email - annabel.white@paigntonacademy.org Mobile - 07784 689516

Annabel White, Dan Lugg and Beth Bosley will be coordinating the event on the day. They can be reached on the following:

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Social Media:

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- Facebook Group - @schoolgamesdevon
- Twitter - @SGDevon
- Instagram - DevonSchoolGames

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