

HJJ/tp
24 April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Paultons Park Trip 2023

Your child will be taking part in a whole school visit to Paultons Park. This is an opportunity for staff and students to spend the day together building relationships and making memories whilst enjoying the fantastic rides and activities the park has to offer. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 to spend the day together and we have secured a superb rate for tickets.

We will be visiting over two consecutive days:

Wednesday 12 July 2023 - Year 7 and Year 8

Thursday 13 July 2023 - Year 9 and Year 10

On the day that students are not at Paultons Park they will be participating in a magnificent Sports Day at Wildern School.

The cost of this trip is **£18.70**.

This is a considerably discounted rate with a normal ticket costing £55.50.

If you haven't visited Paultons Park in the last couple of years do take a look at their website by clicking [here](#) to see the new adult/older children's roller coasters and rides they have installed.

Following the same model as last year we are asking Parents/Guardians to drop off and collect students from the Park and encourage car sharing where possible. This worked fantastically last year with our school community supporting one another and offering spaces in cars.

9.30am - Parents/Guardians to park in a space in Paultons main car park and students to walk over to the main entrance and register with Wildern Staff.

Please do not drop students at the main entrance, this will be coned off.

4.00pm - Parent/Guardian to collect students from Paultons Park. Parent/Guardian to park in Paultons main car park and collect students from Staff at the main entrance.

What to bring and wear:

- Students should wear comfortable clothes and footwear suitable for attending a theme park.
- Students will need to bring their own sun cream and/or waterproof jacket depending on the weather.
- Students must bring a water bottle (areas to refill around the park) and either a packed lunch or money to purchase food from the many food outlets around the park.
- Paultons run a cashless system - your child can either use a card or put cash onto a gift card in the shop at the main entrance.
- Students are encouraged to download the Paultons Park app by clicking [here](#). The app has an interactive map and up to date queuing times.

- As well as having a Wildern Staff Group Leader there will always be a member of staff located in the events field. Students will be shown where this is when they enter the Park.

This trip is a privilege and any poor behaviour leading up to the trip may result in students not being able to attend.

Any poor behaviour whilst at Paultons Park will result in a phone call to parents/Guardians who will be asked to collect their child immediately.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. Full payment will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your child, the cost of this trip will be covered. If this is the case, your Parentpay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through Parentpay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent forms accompanied by a payment of £18.70 by Friday 16 June 2023.

If this deadline is missed your child will not be able to attend this trip.

The Paultons Park trip is for 1600 students and 200 staff and takes a great deal of work to organise. We are unable to add any students after 16 June 2023.

If you require support with payment or an instalment plan please contact our Finance Department at finance@wildern.org.

If you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance. More information regarding groups will be sent out closer to the trip date and each year group will receive an assembly that talks through the trip and expectations for the day.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Jones
Assistant Headteacher

Paultons Park - Frequently asked questions

Can my child go on a different day?

All of Year 7 and 8 will go on Wednesday 12th July and all of Year 9 and 10 will go on Thursday 13th July. On the day they are not at Paultons Park students will participate in the Sports Day at Wildern.

What happens if I miss the deadline?

Unfortunately we **cannot** add any students to the trip after the deadline of Friday 16th June. We will be sending regular reminders via the Wildern Weekly, social media and during tutor time. If you need support with payment or accessing the forms please contact finance@wildern.org

If my child wants to buy something can they use cash?

Paultons Park has a cashless system and encourages use of cards and contactless payment on phones/watches.

However, cash is accepted in 'The Big Toy Shop' located at the entrance to the Park and students can exchange cash here for a gift card which can be used at outlets around the Park.

If I have a season ticket do I still have to pay?

No, if your child has a Season ticket they can show their season ticket as normal when entering the Park. We will still need emergency contact details and medical details for your child to be able to attend, please contact finance to arrange a separate link to the parent pay form.

I cannot take my child to Paultons Park, what shall I do?

We are encouraging car sharing so it may be that a friend can drop your child at Paultons Park. Tutors will also be discussing transport arrangements during Tutor time and students can make links with others for drop off and pick up.

Will students be supervised all day?

Each member of staff will have a group of students they are responsible for. Every student will know who their member of staff is and will meet them to register at 9.30am at the main entrance.

At all times of the day there will be members of staff in the events field. Every student will be shown the events field before they go off for the day and will meet here at their agreed lunch time to check in. Students will not be required to walk around with their member of staff.

Students are free to walk around the park with their friends and will only need to be in their groups to register at points during the day.

How will the students be prepared for this trip?

All students will have an assembly with Miss Jones where she will talk through every aspect of the trip. This will include important information such as meeting points, first aid, checking in and positive behaviour around the park.

Where do I download the Paultons app from?

Click [here](#) to download the Paultons Park app.