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| **Name of activity, event, and location** | **Blackpool Zoo Cubs Trip – 23rd of March 2024** | **Date of risk assessment** | **19/03/24** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Harrison Turner** |
| **Date of next review** | **Before next visit to a zoo** |

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| **What could go wrong?**  What hazard have you identified?  What are the risks from it? | **Who is at risk?** | **What are you going to do about it?**  How are the risks already controlled?  What extra controls are needed?  How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? | **Review & revise**  What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
| **Transportation Risks - Accidents or incidents during transportation to and from the zoo** | **Everyone** | **All transportation is to be provided by parents, supervise Cubs when moving from the vehicle to the meeting point to prevent any accidents in the car park.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Slips, Trips, and Falls - Uneven pathways, wet surfaces, or obstacles within the zoo premises** | **Everyone** | **Supervise cub scouts closely, especially in areas with potential hazards. Encourage cub scouts to wear appropriate footwear. Follow zoo guidelines regarding safe pathways.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Animal Encounters - Possibility of cub scouts getting too close to animals, resulting in bites, scratches, or allergic reactions** | **Cub Scouts, particularly those who may disregard safety instructions.** | **Educate cub scouts about appropriate behavior around animals. Ensure there is adequate supervision by adult leaders/helpers. Follow all zoo guidelines regarding animal encounters and safety zones.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Allergic Reactions - Exposure to allergens from animals, plants, or food items within the zoo.** | **Cub Scouts with known allergies.** | **Obtain medical information from cub scouts regarding allergies (covered by consent forms). Ensure cub scouts with known allergies carry necessary medications (e.g., epinephrine pens). Educate adult leaders and cub scouts about common allergens present in the zoo.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Sun Exposure - Overexposure to sunlight leading to sunburn or heatstroke.** | **Everyone** | **Advise cub scouts to wear sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses in accordance with weather conditions. Provide shaded areas for rest breaks as frequently as needed.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Lost or Separated Cub Scouts - Cub scouts getting lost or separated from the group within the zoo** | **All cub scouts.** | **Implement a buddy system where cub scouts are paired up and instructed to stay together. Ensure cub scouts are aware of meeting points in case of separation. Conduct headcounts regularly throughout the visit.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Food Hygiene - Food poisoning or contamination from consuming food within the zoo premises** | **Everyone** | **Ensure cub scouts are provided with packed lunches or snacks prepared under hygienic conditions (parents to provide). Educate cub scouts about hand hygiene and ensure it takes place before eating. Follow food safety guidelines provided by the zoo.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Behavioral Risks - Disruptive behavior or disobedience leading to accidents or conflicts.** | **Everyone** | **Clearly communicate behavioral expectations to cub scouts before and during the trip. Assign sufficient adult leaders to monitor cub scout behavior. Address any behavioral issues promptly and appropriately. A zero-tolerance policy on poor behaviour will be enforced on the day** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Emergency Procedures - Inadequate preparedness for medical emergencies or evacuation procedures.** | **Everyone** | **Ensure adult leaders are trained in first aid and CPR. Have a designated meeting point for emergency evacuations. Familiarize adult leaders and cub scouts with emergency procedures provided by the zoo.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **COVID-19 Risks - Transmission of COVID-19 among cub scouts, adult leaders, and any accompanying parents or guardians during the trip** | **Everyone** | **Follow local health guidelines and recommendations for group gatherings and outings** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |
| **Event cancellation – No longer possible to complete the trip (e.g. adverse weather conditions, zoo closed due to emergency, etc.)** | **Everyone** | **Contingency plan in place where leaders will provide safe activities for the Cubs to complete whilst the event lead (Harrison) will contact parents to arrange an early collection.** | **N/A - Monitor risk throughout the event** |

Don‘t forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can’t do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

*Note: Please find the* [*Blackpool Zoo Risk Assessment Guidance here*](https://www.blackpoolzoo.org.uk/content/dam/blk/files/Risk%20Assessment%20Guidance%20for%20schools%20and%20Groups.pdf)