



# Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens Educational Policy

## our Aims:

- Provide a wide range of interactive and educational activities linked to the National Curriculum for foundation level, key stages 1-4 and school groups visiting with special educational needs.
- Provide informative and relevant educational activities for A-level students and students in further and higher education
- Work with teachers to provide the best educational resources for their pupils.
- Provide opportunities for our visitors to explore and form their own opinions on conservation issues.
- Motivate visitors of all ages to respect and care for our environment and to encourage them to minimise their environmental impact at both the local and global level.
- Give children the opportunity to experience nature close up, instilling a healthy respect for animals and other living organisms.

## We will achieve our aims:

- All education projects will comply with relevant health and safety requirements.
- The welfare of the animals will not be compromised to achieve educational aims.
- Education programmes and projects will be carried out by appropriately trained staff.
- Education programmes and projects will be evaluated using appropriate and quantifiable means and developed based on teacher and student feedback.

## Target Audiences:

We provide educational experiences for all, both student and volunteers groups (formal programmes) and for visitors to the collection (informal)

- **Formal:** groups of the public and student/volunteer groups can book a session within the collection and a programme will be devised to suit the group before arrival.
- **Informal:** Visitors will be able to learn through interpretation boards throughout the collection, along with keeper talks and interactive media in the observation rooms throughout the collection. Learning through doing and seeing without a formal educational approach.