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## **Conservation and Tracking Trip: Dinokeng, South Africa (11<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to say that following on from the incredible trip we had in July 2022, we have decided to make this a regular two-yearly event. There has already been a great deal of interest from pupils and we hope that you will consider enabling your son or daughter to take part in the trip to South Africa in July 2024, in conjunction with our organiser – Flooglebinder.

It is going to be an experience that will hopefully remain with them for life, as it will help shape their outlook on our world in terms of conservation, sustainability and how we manage the conflict between human activity and wildlife (elephants in particular!). You can access more details by following this link [Ellesmere College South Africa project](#) (Password: southafrica), please feel free to email me if you have any other immediate questions. Our College insurance will cover the whole trip.

The dates and cost are as follows (to be confirmed in July 2023 once flights can be booked). We anticipate all meeting at Manchester Airport and then flying out overnight on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, spending 13 days in South Africa, then flying back to arrive in the UK in the afternoon of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024, to be collected at Manchester Airport.

**The total all-inclusive cost is £3385** (this may be reduced once the actual cost of flights is determined but it should not be more).

**There is a limit of 20 pupils** for this trip and a non-returnable deposit (should you be accepted on the trip) of £750 will be needed to secure a place, along with completion of the consent form at the time of booking.

This can be paid to the College either by BACS or ideally through our card payment site:

<https://www.ellesmere.com/payment>.

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Once the trip is confirmed, Flooglebinder come in and deliver a talk in College which touches on the themes of sustainability and animal behaviour. This is designed to prepare us for what to expect, and will also start us out on the route towards achieving sustainable development goals in the future, as part of the Educate – Connect – Change approach that underpins the ethos of Flooglebinder and matches what Ellesmere College believes in too. I would hope that on their return, these students will play an active role within the College and within the wider community in promoting these values.

Nearer the time, updated medical information will need to be shared with Flooglebinder and exact details for travel documents will be collected. You will also be sent a more detailed form to complete for the College. Apologies for any duplication of effort regarding medical information, but it may change over time.

Please print out and complete the attached consent letter and return with payment as soon as possible.

If any places remain once we return to College after the Easter break (17<sup>th</sup> April 2023), the trip will be advertised to pupils who will be joining the College Sixth Form in September 2023. This gives current pupils priority until then.

Please email either of us - [tom.gareh@ellesmere.com](mailto:tom.gareh@ellesmere.com) or [nicky.welti@ellesmere.com](mailto:nicky.welti@ellesmere.com) - to return the consent form or if you require a hard copy of this letter and consent form or have any questions.

Thank you for your support in this exciting venture.

Yours sincerely,

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**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM & PAYMENT PLAN – South Africa – Summer 2024**

Place of Visit/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ *South Africa*  
From: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 To: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Students under 18 years of age participating in trips and visits that extend overnight must have written consent from parent or guardians. Where one or other parent/guardian withholds permission and informs the College of their decision then, the student will not be allowed to attend the trip.

**Payment Plan (Total due £3385) – depending on cost of flights (may be less)**

Details of payment	Amount Due	Date Due	Reference (for card payment)
Non-returnable Deposit (if place available)	£750	On application and completion of this form	(name)S.Africa2024
Instalment 1	£750	1 <sup>st</sup> July 23	(name)S.Africa-1
Instalment 2	£750	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 23	(name)S.Africa-2
Instalment 3	£750	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24	(name)S.Africa-3
Balance	£385	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 24	(name)S.Africa-4

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**Please return this slip (or sign by email) FAO: Mrs N. Welti, Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire. SY12 9AB**

Name of Student: .....

I give permission for my son or daughter to take part in the Conservation and Tracking Trip to S. Africa July 2024 (11<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

*I agree to pay the amounts as indicated by the plan above according to the due dates.*

Deposit due on application

BACS transfer £750

I wish to pay £750 by card

[Methods of payment](#)

Signature (Parent)..... Date .....

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