

The keeper academy is a 6 week program that is open to children and young people aged 12-16 years old. It runs 10.30am – 3.30pm on Saturdays. The cost of the academy is £145 per person which includes 1 free adult entry during session times. Discounts are available for multiple children from the same family.

The aim of the academy is to give children and young people an insight into the diverse range of work zoo keepers do and why they do it. Each week will contain a mix of classroom activities, worksheets, discussions and practical tasks around the zoo.

| Themes covered during the course |
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| Introduction to working in zoos and why we have them. |
| Different job roles in zoos |
| Enclosure design |
| Animal diets |
| Animal health |
| Animal handling |
| Behaviour and Enrichment |
| Education and presenting |
| Welfare assessments |

Each week you will need:

Clothes and footwear suitable for working outside in all weathers! Anything else you need for a specific week will be explained as we go along.

Each course is limited to 8 places (and will only run with a minimum of 4), which are available on a first come first serve basis (with places only secured by payment). If you would like to enrol a young person, please fill out the attached forms and return with payment. The start dates for this year's courses are **6th November 2021, 26th February 2022 and 11th June 2022**

There is also a second level which is available for those who have completed this course. Details will be available at the end of the course