

**Northumberland**



## **Northumberland Zoo Social Story**



I will arrive at the zoo and be greeted by a member of staff in red uniform.



I have the option to pick up a **sensory bag**.

This contains:



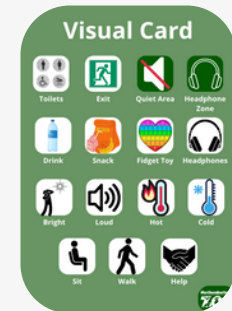
**Drawstring Bag**



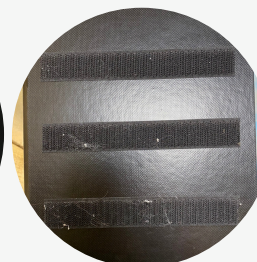
**Lanyard**



**Fidget Toy**



**Visual Card**



**\*\*PECS Book Available on Request\*\***

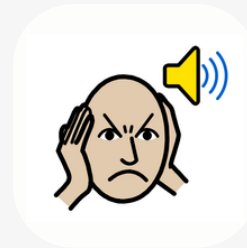
I will look out for signs around the zoo about different zones.



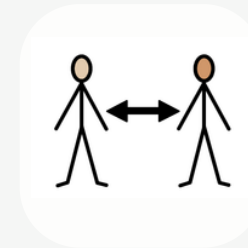
**Quiet Area**



**Headphone  
Zone**



**Noisy Animal**



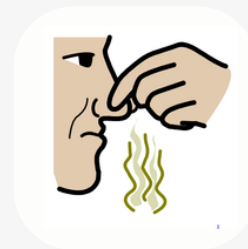
**Social  
Distance**



**Loud**



**Busy**



**Smelly**



**Hot**



**Dark**

# Mood Chart



Angry



Scared



Worried



Anxious



Happy



Calm



Sad

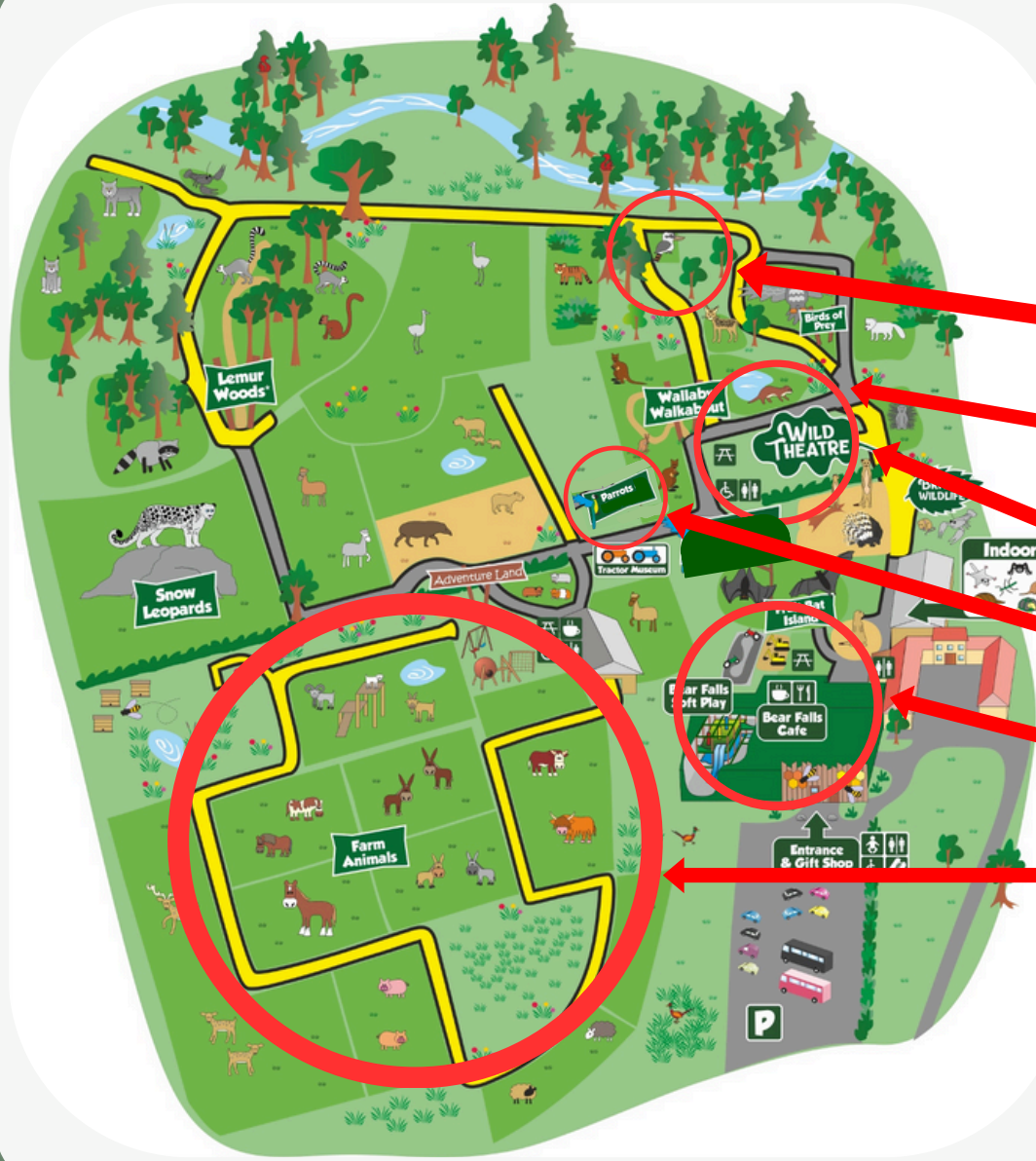








Tired

I can use a mood and sensory chart to express my feelings.

I can ask for help to express my feelings with my staff or family.

These areas around the zoo may be loud:

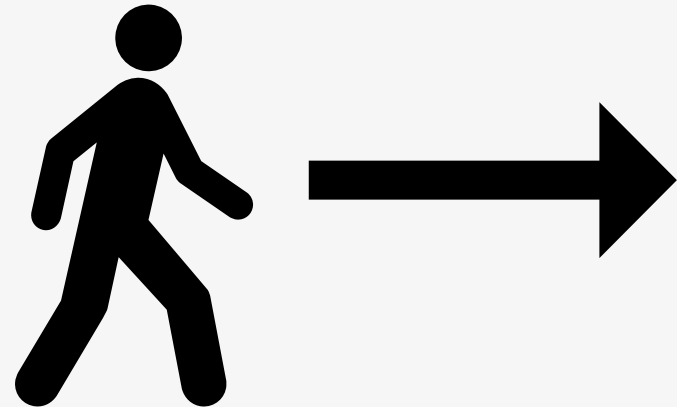


-  Kookaburras
-  Otters
-  Wild Theatre (BOP Display)
-  Parrots
-  Bear Falls Softplay & Cafe
-  Entrance/Giftshop



I may become overstimulated during my day by the animals or my surroundings

But I can ask to leave!





Quiet Area Quiet Area Quiet Area Quiet Area Quiet Area Quiet Area



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I can go to the designated quiet areas for a break.



I can spend as long as I want here.





## Some animals are in free-roaming enclosures.

I will:

- Be calm 
- Be quiet 
- Give animals space 
- Not touch the animals 



Some paths are uneven.



**Grey path (smooth)** shows tarmacked paths.



**Yellow path (uneven)** shows tarplaining paths.

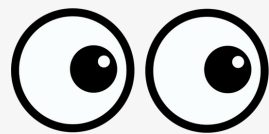


I will take care when walking around.





I might not see all the animals



I will come back later.



# Zookeepers wear the zoo logo:



**Black  
Fleeces** 



**Green  
Hoodies** 



**Green  
Fleeces** 

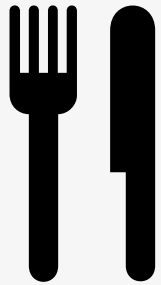


Keepers might show me animals up close  
in the bird show. 🗨️🗨️



Volunteers wear **green high vis jackets.**



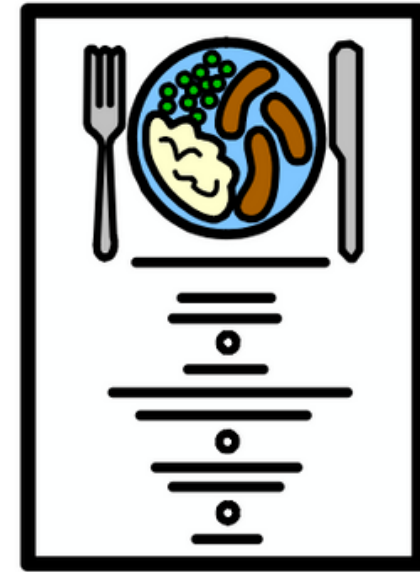


I can eat my lunch  
in the cafe.



If it is too busy,  
I can move to a  
quieter area.

I can order food from the restaurant  
or I can eat my packed lunch.



Restaurant staff can provide menu  
symbols if needed.





There are multiple toilet facilities that I can use around the zoo.



If I have any questions about the zoo, I can ask any member of staff.



They are all there to help me.