



## **Fota Wildlife Park - Education Centre now accepting bookings for 2021 academic year**

Fota Wildlife Park is delighted to resume its formal education programmes this April having been closed since early January 2021. While the centre is open to receiving bookings, it is operating at a reduced capacity in line with current health and safety guidelines.

All of the courses on offer at Fota Wildlife Park's Education centre combine both theoretical and practical elements and are pre-dominantly outdoor based. Fota Wildlife Park is a Discover Primary Science-approved (DPS) centre and offers ecology, practical woodland activities and a guided tour of the Park that counts towards schools' Primary Science award.

All courses and school tours need to be booked with the Education Department on calling (021) 4812678 or by emailing Fota [education@fotawildlife.ie](mailto:education@fotawildlife.ie). The education team are also offering several outreach programmes to primary schools throughout Munster please contact [education@fotawildlife.ie](mailto:education@fotawildlife.ie) for further information or to book.

### **More information on Fota Wildlife Park:**

[Fota Wildlife Park](#), part of the Zoological Society of Ireland, is set on 100 acres on the scenic Fota Island in the heart of Cork Harbour and its vision is to inspire people to understand and conserve the biodiversity of our natural world.

Fota Wildlife Park is a unique place where you can come face to face with free roaming animals and birds from different parts of the world. So, if it is a kangaroo that hops in front of you, or a ring-tailed lemur, which jumps down from a tree, each visit is sure to bring its own fantastic memories. Fota Wildlife Park features the recently opened Asian Sanctuary—with Asian lions, Sumatran tigers, Indian rhino, Warty pigs, Visayan spotted deer, Lion-tailed macaques and Red panda. The development of the Asian Sanctuary over the past seven years has enhanced the Park as an iconic international visitor attraction as well as serving the core values of conservation, education, and research.

Fota Wildlife Park cares for several different animal species in danger of extinction. Through long-established breeding programmes, which are run cooperatively with other institutions around the world, the Park is helping restore populations of some species while protecting the very survival of others. As a non-profit organisation, Fota is completely self-financing, relying on gate receipts, membership fees, retail sales and animal sponsorships and for its income.

The Covid 19 crisis has meant that Fota Wildlife Park had to temporarily close its gates to the public until the 26<sup>th</sup> April. The dedicated animal care team and essential staff continue to provide the same level of care, husbandry, and attention that all the animals receive throughout the year.

Please visit [www.fotawildlife.ie](http://www.fotawildlife.ie) for more.