



## FaceTime a Farmer Top Tips for teachers and farmers

### 10 Top Tips for teachers:

1. Plan the length of time you want to spend on the call.
2. Prepare your class for the call.
3. Test the technology beforehand!
4. Do contact the farmer beforehand – remember they are the experts in farming, you don't have to be.
5. The farmer might know much about national curricula, so support the farmer in this if you would like to link the call to the curricula, this is your area of expertise.
6. Think about activities that can follow up or be done before the call; look on [www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk](http://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk) for resources.
7. Do you plan to share this initiative with other colleagues or senior leadership; do you have a measure of success for these calls?
8. Remember to contact us at any point should you require further support on this initiative
9. For some teachers these calls might be able to lead to farm visits in the future; please contact our Regional Education Consultants for further information: <https://education.leafuk.org/regional-education-consultants>
10. Enjoy the calls and hopefully, you will learn something new from your farmer.

## 10 Top Tips for farmers:

1. Plan how long you can spend on the phone call – make sure you are ready at the set time.
2. Think about what interesting things have happened on the farm that week or are coming up in the week ahead.
3. Decide where you are going to make the call from – is the signal ok?
4. Test the technology beforehand!
5. Do contact the teacher before – remember they are the experts as to what the young people need to learn or what might be beneficial from this exciting experience.
6. The teacher might know nothing about farming – so try to avoid jargon, this is your area of expertise.
7. Some further support and ideas can we found here: <http://visitmyfarm.org/farmers-resources/content/9-information-farmers>
8. Remember to contact us should you require any further support on this initiative.
9. These calls might lead on to farm visits: please contact our Regional Education Consultants for further information on how they might be able to support you with this: <https://www.face-online.org.uk/regional-education-consultants>
10. Enjoy the calls and hopefully, you will learn something new from the teachers and young people you will be working with.

**Safeguarding:** Currently we ask schools to follow their own safeguarding procedures, which from the 90 schools currently signed up would include not leaving students alone to FaceTime a Farmer. We also ask the farmers to not FaceTime students alone and to ensure that a teacher is part of the activity at all times. As the farmers would never be left alone with students there is therefore no legal requirement for them to be DBS checked. A link to LEAF Education's Safeguarding policy can be found here: <https://education.leafuk.org/documents/Safeguarding-Policy-Final-August-2018.pdf>

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