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Dear Parents,

As part of our Topic on food and linking in with next half term's topic on animals we are planning to take Robins Class to Easton and Otley College farm on Tuesday 11th February.

We will leave school at 9.10 and return to school before the end of the school day.

During the day the children will visit and learn about the livestock in the morning, and rotate around a range of activities in the afternoon including making butter and grinding wheat.

The day will include a lot of walking outside and it may be muddy so the children will need to dress appropriately.

Information for the day:

- Children do not need to wear school uniform, but they **do** need to wear their school jumper.
- Children must have a coat.
- Children will need welly boots in a separate carrier bag.
- Children need a packed lunch and a spare drink – these can be ordered in advance from the office if required.

Please read the attached information from the farm, and do let me know if your child has any animal allergies.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of £5.60 per child. This cost has been heavily subsidised through the Friend's committee because it has been planned to enhance your child's learning for the term. We are very grateful to them for their contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M-A Knee

Class teacher.

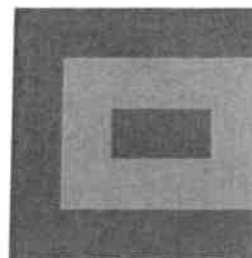
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I would like my child to visit Easton & Otley College on Tuesday 11th February 2020. I enclose a £5.60 contribution towards the cost of the trip.

Signed.....

Date.....

FAO: All children, their carers' and any adults visiting Easton Campus Farm



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+ Otley
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Health & safety arrangements for day visits to Easton Campus Farm – 2019 - 2020

We welcome school groups to visit Easton Campus Farm; it is a small mixed, working and teaching farm. What visiting groups will be able to see depends largely on the weather and the time of year.

There is a risk of people picking up infections from direct contact with farm animals, from animal faeces and fences and gates that farm animals may have rubbed against.

Easton Campus Farm is not a petting farm. There is a possibility groups may be able to touch calves when we have some available, and any hand reared lambs at lambing time.

Risk of infection can be controlled by the simple but strict procedures that follow:

- ◇ Bring welly boots to wear on the farm, carry them in a disposable plastic bag. Throw the bag away once boots have been cleaned after the visit.
- ◇ Do not put fingers in mouths or hands near faces while out on the farm.
- ◇ No food or drink is taken on to the farm, except in cases of genuine medical need.
- ◇ Antibacterial wipes are used after touching animals, provided by Easton and Otley College. Hand gels are not suitable for use in a farm environment.
- ◇ After returning from the farm boots must be removed and placed in a disposable plastic bag.
- ◇ Hands are then be washed with soap and running water.
- ◇ At home boots should be thoroughly cleaned, well away from any food or food preparation area.
- ◇ Clothes worn on the farm should be washed, even if they look clean.

****there is an additional risk to pregnant women at lambing time. It is possible for pregnant women to pick up an infection that could cause miscarriage. Pregnant women should be particularly careful about health, safety and hygiene when visiting a farm at lambing time, and are advised not to enter areas with pregnant ewes / new born lambs****

Preparing to visit the farm

- ◇ Wear old clothing, even when it's hot in the summer it is essential to have legs covered and advisable to have arms covered.
- ◇ Make sure you remember to pick up your welly boots to bring to the farm. Wear different shoes to travel to and from the college, and to wear in the schools barn.
- ◇ If you bring a packed lunch – make sure it is in a completely separate bag, well away from your welly boots. All food & drink is moved into a separate area of the barn when you arrive at Easton.

At the Farm

- ◇ Remember all of the health and safety points listed above, and always stay with the group and do as your guide says.
- ◇ Enjoy your visit.

After your visit

- ◇ Don't forget to thoroughly clean your boots (and throw away the disposable carrier bag), away from food and food preparation areas and wash all of your clothes.

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