



Oasis Down to Earth Farm Educational Days for Schools



About us:

We are passionate about life at the farm which is why we believe in offering an exciting and enjoyable educational programme. Our formally structured tours delight children of all ages and truly engage them with the animals, plants and natural environment found on the farm.

Although we have been educating pupils at the farm for many years, we ensure that each educational tour is unique, perfectly tailored to your class and easily adapted to support the National Curriculum for Nursery, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes.

The farm is home to traditional farm animals, small animals, rare breeds, exotic reptiles and pets. Teachers are warmly welcome to visit the farm before booking an Educational Day to familiarise themselves with the farm and prepare any risk assessments.

Duration of visit:

If you require a specific duration just give us a call and we can see how we can accommodate your requirements. Educational Days are welcomed all year round and can be either a half day or full day as follows:

- Half day = 09:30am – 12:00pm (2.5 hours)
- Full day = 09:30am – 14:30pm (5 hours)

Fees:

The admission fees are set out below, however please feel free to call us for a bespoke quote. Adults are defined as any teacher, parent or helper. 1-1 trained support workers for children with special needs are exempt. The following fees are for children up to the age of 18:

- Child per half day = £5.00 (a minimum of 25 pupils per group)
- Child per full day = £7.00 (a minimum of 25 pupils per group)
- Adult = £7.50 (1 free adult per every 5 students)

Food:

Full day classes should bring their own lunch. If it's sunny we have various benches and tables on the front lawn or lunch can be eaten inside the community room in the main building or the educational room situated within our Tech Block (whichever area you use for lunch is included in the price). Food isn't allowed on the actual farm as our animals have strict diets!

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Activities:

There is so much to do on the farm! This list is not exhaustive and can be tailored to your requirements:

- Go on an egg hunt and learn about the 'chicken and egg' lifecycle
- Give the barn animals their breakfast
- Goat grooming and feeding
- Animal habitats / reptile habitats
- Meet and interact with our two Kune Kune rescue pigs
- Get to know poultry: feed chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese



- Animals and their offspring – (seasonal) spring and summer means the birth of new animals on the farm
- Interact with our crested gecko, bearded dragons, blue tongued skink and giant African land snails
- Handle our hedgehog, degus, tortoise, rats, rabbits and Guinea pigs
- Animal welfare, conservation, environmental sustainability and healthy eating

- Seasonal surprise: what's growing in the garden greenhouses?
- Food origins: discuss meat, eggs, bread and vegetables
- Butter making – discuss which animals make milk and why, turn cream in to butter, and learn about dairy products in human diets
- Cheese making – begin by milking the goats and learn how to turn it in to the finished product: cheese.



- Wood wonderland – identify the mini-beasts and critters that live in the farm's forest area, learn about lifecycles and ecosystems and what it's like to be a tree
- Pond dipping experience: habitat comparison discussions
- GYO VEG: experience growing your own fruit, vegetables and herbs – pupils can discuss the plants grown on the farm that are used in cooking, the care they need and can even plant their own seeds
- Compost cultivation – discover why composting is so important for the environment and wildlife
- Nature walk, farm quiz and craft activities available at the end of the day
- For younger visitors: story based activities, e.g. 'Charlotte's Web', 'The Little Red Hen' or 'The Giant Turnip' can become a reality at the farm

Learning objectives:

If you have particular learning outcome goals for your class, just let us know and we can cater the tour accordingly. Outcomes such as knowledge, communication, analysis, comprehension, application, team work and problem solving can easily be applied.



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Health and Safety:

Educational visits are run by our experienced Educational Coordinator Rachel Thomson. All farm staff are List 99'd and have an enhanced DBS check, as do our volunteers that work closely with the Educational Day classes. Staff are trained in CEVAS (Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme) and Rachel has also been fully trained in First Aid. We will provide a Health and Safety talk before we begin the activities and will remind all pupils to wash their hands before eating and leaving the farm. Everywhere on the farm is a strict 'no smoking' area. On our website is a link to 3 useful guides for teachers regarding Code of Practice when visiting a farm, provided by Farming and Education website www.visitmyfarm.org. You must read these to reduce potential risk when visiting the farm.

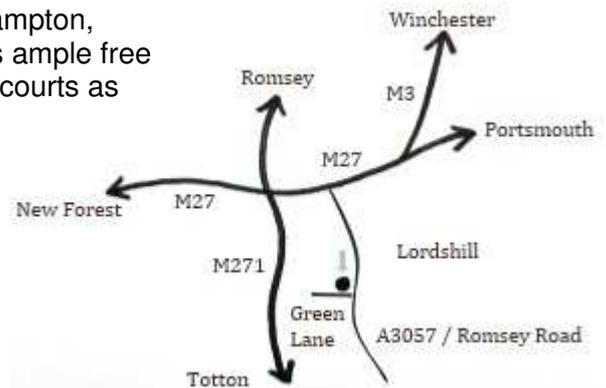
Facilities:

The farm building is fully wheelchair accessible and has disabled toilets. The main building houses the small animal room which would be ideal for wheelchair users. Parts of the farm are accessible to all but in specific areas there is uneven terrain so we recommend you call us for further details. The weather never interferes with life at the farm, but if you do prefer to be inside due to wet weather then we will happily teach inside our barn or undercover in the main farm building.

Location:

We are easy to get to. The farm is based in Millbrook, Southampton, close to the Oasis Pre-School and Compass School. There is ample free parking and if it gets too busy then we have access to tennis courts as an overflow car park.

We are 5 minutes from the M271 and M27 by car. If travelling by train, we are a 15 minute car drive away from Southampton Central station. The number 4 'Bluestar' bus stops every half hour on Green Lane (where the farm is situated).



Contact us:

Want to visit the farm? Fantastic! Please contact us via the following:

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On our website www.downtoearthfarm.org you will find a booking form. Once complete, please return to us by email or post to the above address. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



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