

Group Visits for 2008

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a visit to Church Farm. Attached you will find:

- A copy of "Education at Stow Bardolph" covering general information.
- A Risk Assessment for visitors
- Price details for group bookings

Church Farm is a Rare Breeds Animal Centre with lots to offer to all ages of children for a fun educational day out. We would like to feel that we can offer you a hassle free school trip which the children and teachers alike will really enjoy. We have a wide variety of farm animals, most of which are classified by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. Lots of these are having young throughout the spring and summer.

We now have a kitchen, and serve light lunches, including a homemade children's lunch (comprising for example pigs in blankets, vegetable sticks, fruit, crisps and mini cakes) at £3.70 per child. If you require this for your group, please ensure that you book in advance.

We have a large secure education room which your group can use, free of charge, for the duration of your visit. There will be materials to use in the education room, so no need to pack heavy clipboards, colouring pens, pencils etc. Your coats, bags, packed lunches etc can all be left in the room and you can eat your lunch there too. We will welcome you off the bus, take you to the education room and give you an introductory talk. We can also tie in with school projects if you let us know well in advance.

Our knowledgeable and experienced staff will be on hand for questions and informative chats. We will provide each child with an age appropriate educational booklet full of things to do and find out either on the day or when they return to school.

We have a large play area with activity trails, trampolines, sandpit, straw play area, and ride on tractors. We welcome schools groups into the shop which has gifts from 50p upwards.

Groups can also enjoy a 25 minute tractor trail, with accompanying booklet, to see the animals which are in paddocks around the farm. Or you can go on a Nature Walk with our very knowledgeable and experienced gamekeeper. He can tailor make the walk to suit your needs, for example a project on mini beasts, nature or the local environment.

We are fully disabled friendly with wheel chair ramps, 2 disabled toilets and our petting pens' notices are also in Braille. We welcome everyone at Church Farm and know that you will enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere.

We have carried out a risk assessment as you will see in the pack. The play area has been inspected and passed by ROSPA. We have emergency procedures in place and have complied with Health and Safety regulations.

You are welcome to arrange a preliminary visit, if required. We very much look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

William and Elizabeth Esse

P.S. Please feel free to contact Rachel Wootton at the office on 01366 382162 with any queries you may have.