



2024

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Fun at the Farm

Day Trips & Mobile Farm for Early Years

Early Years 'hands on' experiences for Preschools, Playgroups, Nurseries,
Parent & Toddler groups, Childminders

Day Trips

- **Farm Animals**

Welcome to our farm near Faringdon

Please note

- There is no public access to the farm park Mondays to Thursdays during term time to support/enable Day Trips

Mobile Farm

- **Farm Animals**

We bring our friendly farm animals to you

Please note

- The farm provides a Mobile Farm service from February to November



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Welcome to our Farm

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Welcome to our Farm

Introduction

Farmer Gow's Education offers 'hands on' farm animal experiences to Early Years including Pre and Playschool, Nursery, Parent and Toddler groups, Childminders

Day Trips

<i>Programme / Topic</i>	<i>Suitable for</i>	<i>Details</i>
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Mobile Farm

<i>Programme / Topic</i>	<i>Suitable for</i>	<i>Details</i>
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Contact

Anne Gow or Dale Whitehorn
01793 780 555 or 07714 455 400

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Welcome to our Farm

Day Trips

Planning Service	Every trip includes:
Health & Safety	Programme of activities for your group / class We have an exemplary Health and Safety record. We will look after you on trip day. H&S advice available on our website
Picnic Area	Dedicated to your use for the duration of the trip, with sufficient tables/seating for all members of your group
Workshops	Led by experienced Farmer Gow's staff We encourage teachers/adult helpers to support the children's learning experiences
Playtime	Farmyard, Adventure and Imaginative Play areas
Cleaning	The farm is environmentally aware, please take your picnic rubbish home with you Your group area will be cleaned after your departure
Goody Bag	Each group will receive a goody bag with leaflets and programme worksheets
Fun at the Farm	A group of 30 paying adults and children will receive a complimentary copy of 'Fun at the Farm' - the Oxford Reading Tree story book describing Kipper and Anna's experiences during their Day Trip to Farmer Gow's Yes, Fun at the Farm book was written about our farm.



Welcome to our Farm

Confirmation We will send you a confirmation email with programme and risk assessment information

Please note - School firewalls can sometimes send our email into spam/junk boxes

Frequently Asked Questions

Maximum number of adults/children

We have facilities for up to 200 adults and children including whole school trips

Minimum group size 25 paying adults & children

Can schools/classes book different programmes

Yes – our programmes are designed so that children can achieve different learning outcomes/ experiences at different ages

Whole year &/or school trips are welcome – they are very cost effective for coach hire

Packed Lunches You are welcome to bring packed lunches

Deposit No deposit is required

How much does it cost – 2024 prices

- Day Trips

Adult	£7.05 each
Child, 3+ years	£7.05 each
Child, 1-2 years	£4.40 each
Babies	free

Is VAT payable

No - Farmer Gow's Education Ltd is not VAT registered

Supervision & Support

The supervision and behaviour of children visiting the farm on a Day Trip is the responsibility of the group organiser

Children require adult support during workshops

Supervision Ratios

We recommend supervision rates as follows ~

- Under 3's 1 adult : 2 children
- Under 5's 1 adult : 4 children
- Under 8's 1 adult : 6 children
- Over 8's 1 adult : 8 children

Day Trips - Group area

We will provide you with a Group Area for the duration of your Day Trip with sufficient picnic tables for all members of your group

Non-valuables, including picnics, may be left in this area at owners' risk

You are responsible for leaving your group area tidy, including removing any refuse

The farm staff will clean the area after your departure

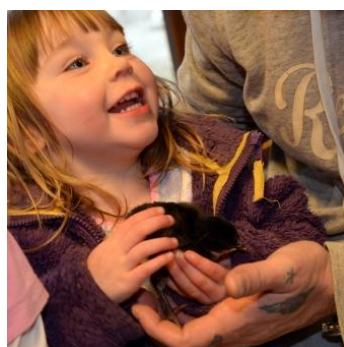
Invoice

You will be invoiced at the end of the trip

Our invoice will include direct payment details

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We look forward to welcoming you and your children to the farm.



Day Trip – Fun at the Farm



See the [Fun at the Farm](#) video on our website

Educational content Farmer Gow's Education

Contact Anne Gow or Dale Whitehorn
01793 780 555 or 07714 455 400

Available February – November

Suitable for Early Years to Key Stage 1

Booking Day Trips – 2024 Booking Form pages 11-12

Includes

Up to 4-hour interactive programme

1½ hours 'hands on' Meet the Farm Animals workshops, led by experienced farm staff

Meet the Chicks Handle young chicks, pullets and chickens

Meet the Animals Handle piglets, feed sheep/lambs, goats/kids

Meet the Fowl See the chickens, geese and turkeys
Collect freshly laid eggs

Farm Trail See our goats, sheep & cattle grazing in the fields,
enjoy hand feeding

Woodland Trail With 73+ wild bird species living/visiting the farm,
the woodland is a delightful, short countryside walk

Treasure Hunt A fabulous game on the giant Bale Climb

'Free play' On the Farmyard, Adventure & Imaginative Play areas

Optional Pocket money shopping



Day Trip – 2024 Booking Form

Contact name		
School / Group name		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone number(s) incl STD	Landline	
	Mobile	
Email addresses Contact		
School / Group (if different)		
<u>Risk Assessment</u>	Risk assessment advice is available on our website.	
<u>Pre-visit</u>	You are welcome to visit the farm before your Day Trip. A member of staff will show you around the farm, including explaining the flow of your programme.	
Date of pre-visit		
Date of Day Trip		
<u>Arrival</u>	From 9.30am	
<u>Departure</u>	We would love you to stay until 1.30/2pm. The longer we have you, the more learning opportunities for your children	
Arrival time		
Departure time		
Arriving by	Car ~ Coach ~ Minibus	

Programme	Farm Animals	Early Years, Reception & KS1	Y/N
	Farm Animals & Growing Food with Fish	upper KS1 / Year 2	Y/N
	Growing Your Food	suitable for KS2	Y/N
	Wind & Solar Energy & Electricity	suitable for KS2	Y/N
Cost	Adults & Children	(3+ yrs)	£7.05 / person
	Children	(1-2 yrs)	£4.40 / child
	Babies	under 1 year	free

Please provide approximate numbers/ages of adults and children.
We will invoice you for the *actual* number of adults and children who attend.

Class name	Classroom teacher name(s)	Adults	Child 3-16 yrs	Key Stage	Child 1-2 yrs
Do you have any special requirements? Such as religious matters, allergies, disabilities etc					

Please email your Booking Form to ~ Education@farmergows.co.uk

We will reply by email with confirmation, programme and risk assessment advice.



Mobile Farm

See the [Mobile Farm](#) video on our website

Educational content	Farmer Gow's Education Ltd
Contact	Anne Gow or Dale Whitehorn 01793 780 555 or 07714 455 400
Available	February – December
Suitable for	All ages
Booking	Mobile Farm Booking Form pages 18-19

If you can't come to us, we can bring our friendly farm animals to you.

Every visit is designed around your needs, specialising in the provision of 'hands on' workshops.

How to Book a Mobile Farm

- Please complete our *no obligation* Booking Form on pages 18-19 and send it to Anne at Education@farmergows.co.uk
- Anne will then contact you by telephone to chat through your booking, discuss a suitable programme and check access for our farm truck/trailer.
- We will follow up the telephone call by email with a programme and a quotation for the visit.
- The Mobile Farm is confirmed once you reply to our email/quotation

Please note – the maximum distance we can travel is 1 hour from the farm. Any further is too stressful for our animals.

Types and Size of Mobile Farm

Types	Educational or Event
Sizes	Medium or Large

Educational

such as to a pre-school, playgroup or nursery

- Suitable for all ages
- A bespoke programming service to compliment school learning objectives
- Two types of experiences – herbivores and fowl – with multiple learning activities



- Small numbers of children in each workshop to maximise the experience for each participant
- Children attend both workshops

Event

such as an Open Day, Fete, Show, Birthday Party or Family Celebration

- A rotating programme of Meet the Animals activities provided throughout the day
- Visitors can attend/drop-in whenever they wish

Mobile Farm - Medium

Farm Birds & Animals

Chicks and Chickens
 Turkeys and Geese
 Goat kids and/or Lambs
 Piglets (seasonal)



'Hands On'

20-40 minutes 'hands on' experiences for each child – we adjust length of sessions according to the age of the children and learning objectives

Experiences – Fowl

Handling – Chicks, Pullet, Chickens, Goose, Turkey
 Handling different eggs – chicken, turkey, goose
 Boxing Free Range Eggs – chicken

Experiences – Herbivores and/or Omnivores

Hand feeding – Goat kids and/or Lambs
 Bottle feeding – up to 40 bottles available
 Cuddling Lambs (seasonal)
 Tickling/Patting Piglets (seasonal)

Staffing & Supervision

2 members of Farmer Gow's team lead both workshops
 Children visiting the Mobile Farm will need the support of staff/parents/carers
 Suitable for up to 80 children

Cost of a Medium Mobile Farm

From **£415** – price will increase with Travel Time from farm and Length of Visit
 VAT – Farmer Gow's Education is *not* VAT registered

Mobile Farm - Large

Farm Birds & Animals

Chicks, Pullets and Chickens
Turkey and Goose
Goats and/or Goat Kids
Sheep and/or Lambs
Piglets (seasonal)



'Hands On' Up to 60 minutes 'hands on' experiences for each child

Experiences – Fowl

Handling - Chicks, Chickens, Goose, Turkey
Handling different eggs – Chicken, Turkey, Goose
Boxing Free Range Eggs – Chicken

Experiences – Herbivores and/or Omnivores

Hand feeding – Goats and Kids, Sheep and Lambs
Bottle feeding – up to 70 bottles available
Cuddling Lambs (seasonal)

Staffing & Supervision

2 members of Farmer Gow's team
Children visiting the Mobile Farm will need the support of staff/parents/carers
Suitable for up to 120 children

Cost of a Large Mobile Farm

From **£495** – price will increase with Travel Time from farm and Length of Visit

VAT – Farmer Gow's Education is *not* VAT registered

Frequently Asked Questions

How far do we go? 1-hour drive time from the farm. It varies how far this is but Google Maps is a good guide.

How long can we visit?

30 minutes ~ 6 hours. We will chat through a programme with you to ensure your children and adults get great farm animal contact.

How much will it cost? There is a lot of work to prepare for a Mobile Farm visit including H&S procedures.

We have to travel to and from your site.

On return to the farm at the end of a visit, all our equipment must be cleaned / disinfected.

Our animals must be rested.

Once we have your Booking Form and you have chatted with Anne, we will provide a programme and quotation by email. You are welcome to accept or decline our quotation.

Please see minimum costs for Medium and Large visits. These guides are pretty accurate if you are local. They will increase with travel time and time spent on your premises.

Invoice You will be invoiced at the end of the trip. The invoice will include direct payment details

Farmer Gow's Education Ltd is not VAT registered.

Where to send your Booking Form - Education@farmergows.co.uk

Regulation

We are licensed to provide a Mobile Farm service with

- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Trading Standards

and

- Environmental Health, Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC)

Working Areas & Access

Medium visit

We will arrive in the farm's VW caddy van.

Please provide an outdoor working area, accessible by the van, approximately 6m x 6m.

Indoor venue – please discuss with Anne.

Access to the van is very important.

The van is a secure store for some of the equipment used during a visit.



Large visit

We will arrive in the farm's truck with a 12' long livestock trailer.

Please provide an outdoor working area, accessible by the truck/trailer, approximately 10m x 6m.

The truck is a secure store for some of the equipment used during a visit. Access for the truck & trailer is therefore very important.

Medium & Large Visits

You are responsible for disinfecting indoor/hard standing areas prior to our arrival and after the visit.

We recommend plastic sheeting or equivalent for indoor working areas.

Disinfection not required on grassed areas.

Farmer Gow's Education also offers

Workshops

- Be a Farmer
- Be a Shepherd
- Be a Goatherd
- Family of Farmers
- Family of Shepherds
- Caring for Chickens at Home
- Introduction to Honey and Bee Keeping

Tranquility Sessions

- Chicken Tranquility
- Lamb Cuddling
- Goat Kid Cuddling

Work Experience

- Year 9
- Year 12-13
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Undergraduate Placements

Please see our website for further information



Mobile Farm – 2024 Booking Form

** please delete as applicable*

Contact name	
School / Group / Event	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	
Date of Visit	
Preferred start time	
Educational or Event	Educational * Event
Approx. no. of children?	
How long/many hours would you like us to visit?	
Medium or Large visit?	Medium * Large
Are there any special conditions we need to know about? Religious matters, allergies, disabilities etc	

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We will reply by email with a programme, quotation and risk assessment advice.



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A About 1 hour from the farm, it depends a bit how far this is but google maps is a good guide.
- How long can we visit?
A 30-minutes to 6 hours. Anne will chat through a programme with you to ensure your children and adults get great farm animal contact.
- How much will it cost?
A There is a lot of work to prepare for a Mobile Farm a visit.
We have to travel to and from your site.
On return to the farm all our equipment must be cleaned and disinfected and our animals rested.
- Once we have your Booking Form and you have chatted with Anne, we will provide a quotation by email. You are welcome to accept or decline our quotation.
A Please see minimum costs for [Medium](#) and [Large](#) visits. These guides are pretty accurate if you are local. They will increase with travel time and time spent on your premises.
- Invoice
A Schools – You will be invoiced at the end of the trip. The invoice will include direct payment details.
Private functions – you will be invoiced prior to the event. Payment in full 5 days before the mobile farm visit.
- Farmer Gow's Education Ltd is not VAT registered.
- Where to send your Booking Form - Education@farmergows.co.uk