Residential Trip

Nethercott Farm

Sunday September 20th - Friday 25th September 2026

- **When:** Children should arrive at school on the morning of **Sunday 20th September at 10:30am** ready to depart by coach. Please come to the office gate and enter the school through the playground into the bottom hall. The school office will not be open. If your child is bringing medication with them, please hand it to a member of staff when you arrive. We will also collect any spending money they are bringing with them for the farm shop which the children will have a chance to visit during the week. We recommend no more than £10. You do not have to provide this but it is an opportunity for the children to buy mementos of the week. There are no other opportunities for spending any money during the week.

- If your child suffers from travel sickness and takes any medication for this, please make sure they have taken it in line with the instructions (usually 30 minutes before travel). This could be travel sickness pills or wristbands. They can carry an extra pill for the return trip in their washbag.

- They should have their luggage in **one large bag** that they are able to carry. A full description of everything they need to bring is on the back of this sheet.

- Their Wellies should be in a **separate plastic bag**

- They should have a **smaller backpack** with their water bottle for the coach. They can bring a small selection of snacks for the journey (fruit or a sandwich etc. Please no crisps or things that will make a mess. They can bring a book in this bag if they want one for the journey but the farm has many books for them to read.

- They are **NOT** allowed to bring any electronic devices. (phones, Switch etc) These will be taken away for safekeeping if they bring them. Some children have asked about small cameras to take pictures during the week. This is fine but no phones. Only a simple (not expensive) camera and this will be kept in the living room of the farm for the week.

- Their toiletries need to be in a washbag. Please include toothbrush, toothpaste soap or shower gel. (shampoo, creams etc optional)

- They must have their own towel

- All bedding is provided by the farm. They do not need to bring any bedding

- There will **not** be any contact with the children while they are at the farm. This is an important chance for them to develop their independence and means they are less likely to feel homesick. We will keep the school updated with our progress and regularly post pictures on the school's Twitter/X feed. We can share updates about travel times via the schools Arbor messaging service.

Dietary Requirements:

Food and mealtimes are a really important part of the week at Nethercott and the kitchen staff go to great lengths to make sure they are providing the best food they can for all of the children. All Dietary needs can be met so please let us know if these apply to your child. This can include those that choose to be vegetarian, pescatarian or vegan and those that avoid certain foods for religious observances. We appreciate that there can be other issues with food and meal times so as to ensure everyone feels comfortable and well-supported during meal times. Please let us know if they have any specific food anxieties, extreme dislikes, or unique eating routines we should be aware of.

Luggage:

The suitcase or bag children bring should weigh no more than 12kg and the child should be able to pick it up and carry it themselves. Wellies should be carried separately in a large carrier or bin liner. Please ensure all luggage is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Wellies:

Children must bring proper wellies, with a tall calf section, which provide greater protection and grip. Flat-soled children's wellingtons are not permitted on the farms. Your child will be taking their wellies on and off several times a day, so it is helpful if they are one size too big and not tricky to take off. Please ensure your child's wellies have their name written in and are brought in a plastic bag clearly labelled with their name.



Slippers:

Children must bring clean slippers or slip-on indoor shoes or crocs to wear inside the house.

Trainers:

Children must bring a pair of trainers or other flat, comfortable shoes for travelling and playing on the lawns, etc.

Waterproofs / Overalls:

Children are not required to bring waterproof jackets and trousers as we provide these at each of our farms for the children. Cotton overalls will be provided in the summer time for comfort.

Clothing:

Children should bring sufficient clothing for the full week at the farm. All children need to have long trousers (jeans, tracksuits, leggings etc), short and long-sleeved t-shirts, jumpers (without a hood), underwear, ankle length or long socks (not trainer socks as these tend to fall off inside wellies), and pyjamas or other sleepwear. Depending on the season, children may want to bring extra layers (vests, etc) for warmth, or shorts which may be worn for non-farm tasks during the summer.

If children wear a Hijab or other required head covering, please bring two. They must swap over items of clothing that are exposed above their protective clothing when moving between the areas where they will be with the animals and inside the house.

If you have any questions regarding the farm's health and safety measures on the farm then please contact them on bookings@farmsforcitychildren.org or call their head office on 01392 276 381.

We will be returning to school on the afternoon of Friday 25th September. We aim to arrive back at school around 2pm.