



Bookable  
lessons and  
activities!

# EDUCATIONAL VISITS INFORMATION PACK



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# Hi there.

Visiting Mini Meadows Farm is a magical experience, but it is also educational.

We welcome school and nursery visits and have the facilities and resources in place to ensure you have an enjoyable, educational and rewarding visit.

You can just visit the farm and play areas which is a brilliant trip in itself. Or to make it extra special and memorable, you can add a bespoke lesson or activity to your visit.

We also offer a variety of activities and lessons throughout the year, all based on the theme of farming and the countryside.

Read on to learn more about how we can make your educational visit one to remember.

***The Mini Meadows Farm Team***

**Fun.  
Memorable.  
Educational.  
Affordable.**

**" The weather was set against us but that didn't stop us from having a great time! The children all had a great morning. We will definitely be back."**





# WHY VISIT US?

- Suitable from 2 years - 11 years old
- Group sizes from 5 to 100
- From £8 per child (adults £8)
- Variety of lessons and activities
- Indoor and outdoor picnic areas
- Risk assessment available
- Private classroom hire included
- Free coach and minibus parking



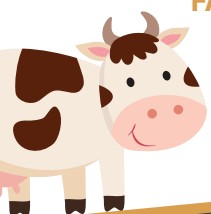
## What's there?

**ANIMAL FEEDING** | Cows, ponies, pigs and sheep, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, and guinea pigs!

**ACTIVITIES** | Bespoke lessons, seasonal activities and animal encounters.

**PLAY AREAS** | Outdoor fort and swings, giant indoor sandpit and huge indoor play area.

**FACILITIES** | Cafe, picnic areas, classroom, toilets, coach and minibus parking.



## Benefits to children

- Understand where their food comes from
- Shows the importance of good husbandry
- Increases appreciation and understanding of the natural environment
- Lays the foundation for a deeper awareness of food production
- Promotes better understanding and appreciation of agriculture and rural affairs
- Contributes to developing children's social and personal skills
- Improves social integration within the group.

## Benefits to you

- Provides a stimulating and versatile outdoor classroom
- Creates interest and motivation that can be carried back to classroom activities
- Has many links to the curriculum and allows for physical exercise
- Teaches children in a direct and hands on way about many important topics including nutrition, food production, sustainability and conservation



# LESSONS (additional to the £8 farm entry per child)

## 1. Wheat & Flour

### Lesson

Children learn how wheat is converted into flour. Includes an interactive activity of grinding grains of wheat, followed by a flashcard activity showing the different stages and process of production from planting and harvest, to what foods contain flour.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

### Additional Fun Activity

Children create a "flour pal" to take home with them (balloon filled with flour, complete with funny face and hair!).

**Cost per child: £2.00**



## 2. Soil Testing

### Lesson

A practical lesson about different soil types - sandy, clay and loamy. Includes an activity to identify the different soils by seeing what shapes they can be moulded into when damp, plus information on what grows best in each soil type.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

### Additional Fun Activity

Children make a flower seed bomb each to take home or back to school/nursery to plant and watch grow.

**Cost per child: £2.00**



## 3. Animal Products

### Lesson

Children are taught about what we get from different animals, including sheep, cows, chickens and pigs. Includes a flashcard activity to match the different foods and materials with the right animal.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

### Additional Fun Activity

Children are given craft materials to make a chicken using cardboard, feathers and googly eyes.

**Cost per child: £2.00**



## 4. Crop Care

### Lesson

A lesson learning about the impact extreme weather conditions, pests and humans can have on crop growth. Includes a flashcard activity matching the different factors with the types of crop damage.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

### Additional Fun Activity

Children each plant a bean on cotton wool to take home or back to school/nursery with them so they can watch it sprout and grow.

**Cost per child: £2.00**





# SEASONAL EXPERIENCES (additional to the £8 farm entry per child)

## 1. Mini Beasts

Come and explore the farm and see what creepy crawlies you can find on our Mini Beast Adventure. Suitable for all ages.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

**Time of Year**

**March - October**



## 2. Pond Dipping

An activity suitable for all ages, come and explore the Mini Meadows Farm pond, bursting with wildlife. Discover the wide range of plants and insects that live in and around the pond.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

**Time of Year**

**April - September**



## 3. Bottle Feeding

Bottle feed our cade lambs; it's a fun, interactive experience for all ages. Depending on group size and the number of lambs we have, it is recommended a bottle between two children, or one each if requested.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

**Time of Year**

**March/April**



## 4. Animal Encounter

Is there a particular animal at the farm you would like to know more about on your visit? Includes a talk about the animal, fun facts and petting if possible. Please ask when you first enquire about the animals that we can include.

**Cost per child: £1.00**

**Time of Year**

**Anytime**



## 5. Christmas Experience

A very special Christmas outing with a candy cane maze, magical elf forest, elf village, letters to Santa, and a group visit with Santa. We also offer custom experiences to accommodate SEN children, nurseries, and school trips.

**Cost is based on your bespoke experience**

**Contact us**

**For information and to book!**



# HOW TO BOOK

1

Call us on **07824 393517** or email **mmfgroupbookings@gmail.com** to check if the date you'd like to visit is available and to discuss any required activities or lessons. We'll reserve your booking for 48 hours.

2

Confirm your booking within 48 hours by providing us with the following information: Total number of children, age range, and the activities you would like to book (if required).

3

We'll send you a confirmation booking email with details of your visit and the final cost.

## FAQs

### WHAT SHOULD THE CHILDREN WEAR?

Warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies in cold/wet weather. Suncream and sunhats for warmer months.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Minimum £8 per child includes entry to the farm, play areas and room hire. Additional to the entry price are lessons £1 per child, lesson-related fun activity £2 per child, and seasonal experiences.

### CAN WE JUST VISIT THE FARM WITHOUT ADDING AN ACTIVITY/LESSON?

Yes absolutely! It's just £8 per child and £8 per adult, and includes room hire if it's a group booking.

### IS THERE A MINIMUM/MAXIMUM NUMBER FOR A GROUP BOOKING?

Minimum five children, maximum 100.

### ARE THERE PICNIC AREAS?

Yes. We have picnic tables indoors and outdoors, and you will have a private room hired too.

### WHAT'S THERE TO DO IN WET WEATHER?

Lots of our animals are indoors/undercover, plus we also have the huge indoor Treetops play area and the giant indoor sandpit. But we do encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, even in the rain!

### IS THERE COACH PARKING?

Yes. There is plenty of parking and space for coaches to turn around.

### ARE THERE DISABLED FACILITIES?

We have disabled toilets, wide pathways outside and ramps for easy access into the different buildings.

### IS THERE A RISK ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE?

Yes. Once you book we will make sure you are sent our risk assessment, and you are very welcome to come along to the farm before your visit to carry out your own if you wish.

### CANCELLATION POLICY?

If you need to cancel, then we ask that you notify us at least 24 hours before your visit.



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