



Welcome to our Farm

Countryside Education

**2022 - The farm is open Monday-Thursday
during term time for Educational Trips only
Public access is restricted to weekends & school holidays**

Day Trips

Farm Animals
Horticulture & Aquaponics
Green Energy & Electricity

Mobile Farm

Farm Animals – we come to you



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Introduction

Farmer Gow's Countryside Education offers 4 programmes, with STEM structured workshops, for Early Years to Key Stage 2.

Day Trips

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

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Booking

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Every Day Trip includes

Planning Service	Programme of activities for your group/class
Health & Safety	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	On our 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 class/group will receive a goody bag with leaflets and programme worksheets.
Fun at the Farm	Each class (20+ pupils) studying the Farm Animals programme will receive a complimentary copy of 'Fun at the Farm' - the Oxford Reading Tree book about Kipper and Anna 's experiences during their



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Day Trip to Farmer Gow's – yes, the book was written about our farm.

Confirmation

To confirm your Day Trip we will send you an email confirmation and programme details.

School firewalls can sometimes send our email into spam/junk boxes so we will also try and phone you, when we have sent the confirmation.

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 15 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.

How much does it cost – Day Trips	Adult		£6.20 each
	Child	3+ yrs	£6.20 each
	Child	2 yrs	£4.15 each
	Child	0-1 yrs	free

How much does it cost – Mobile Farm

Medium	from £375
Large	from £475

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

Supervision & Support

The supervision and behaviour of children remain your responsibility for the duration of the Day Trip or Mobile Farm.

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

Deposit No deposit is required.

Group Area We will provide you with a Group Area for the duration of your visit 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.

Packed Lunches You are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

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

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

Day Trip - Farm Animals

See the Farm Animals video on our website

Educational content Farmer Gow's Education

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Available February - November

Suitable for Early Years to Key Stage 1

Booking Day Trips Booking Form on page 10

Includes

Up to 4-hour interactive programme

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

Meet the Chicks Handle young chicks, ducklings or goslings

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

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

Farm Trail See our porker pigs in Henleaze Wood.
Watch our goats, sheep & cattle grazing in the fields

Treasure Hunt Fun on the Farm, this is a fabulous game on the giant
Bale Climb

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

Optional Pocket money shopping



Day Trip - Horticulture and Aquaponics

See the Horticulture & Aquaponics video on our website

Educational content Farmer Gow's Education & Smart Greens UK

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Available February - December

Suitable for Key Stage 2

Booking Day Trips Booking Form on page 10

A Horticulture and Aquaponics programme, to educate and inspire pupils studying food, diet, plants, natural and food sciences, particularly focusing on workshops suitable for children at Key Stage 2.

Smart Greens UK adopts a practical cross-curriculum and STEM education approach using traditional growing and a commercial-scale Aquaponics system, as the basis for teaching and pupil engagement. Our teaching has particular relevance to the core competences and the framework of skills and knowledge around food, diet and physical activity that include the School Food Plan and the Eatwell Guide.

In respect to fresh produce, we answer the questions

- Where does our food come from?
- How does it grow?
- In a changing world, is our approach to fresh food changing?

A school/group day trip includes the following workshops:

- How does your garden grow?
- Vegetable Hunt
- Get to know your vegetables
- Ask & Taste
- Plants need feeding



Day Trip - Green Energy & Electricity

See the Green Energy & Electricity video on our website

Educational content Farmer Gow's Education Ltd & WeSET

(Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust)

Contact Sarah Barrell

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Available February - November

Suitable for Key Stage 2

Booking Day Trips Booking Form on page 10

A programme to educate and inspire pupils studying Green Energy & Electricity, including generation, community clean energy, sustainable living and natural systems, particularly focusing on sessions suitable for children at Key Stage 2.

Activities are fun, interactive and develop key maths and science investigation skills.

Energy is what makes everything happen in the universe! Our lives today utterly depend on abundant, freely available supplies, yet the way we've been generating it is causing huge problems - we need to get better, fast!

'Green' energy means energy that's generated in clean, sustainable ways – ones we can continue for the long term, without piling up problems.

A school/group trip includes the following workshops:

- Energy & Electricity
- Natural Energy Sources
- Why & Where do we use Electricity?
- Visit to Westmill Solar Farm
- Visit to Westmill Wind Farm



A trip will include hand-on explorations at Farmer Gow's, and a visit to Westmill Wind and Solar Farm, to experience close up how wind and sun supply sufficient power for whole communities.



Countryside Education – 2022 Day Trip - Booking Form

Contact name	
School / Group name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number(s) incl STD	Landline -
	Mobile – We will send you a text message when we email confirmation details, because our emails sometimes go into spam boxes.
Email addresses	
Contact	
School / Group (if different)	
On receipt of this Booking Form, we will	
Reply by email with confirmation details and a programme	
<u>Risk Assessment</u> – risk assessment advice is available on our website. Pre-visit - 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> – any time from 9.30am. We would love you to stay until 1.30/2pm. The longer we have you, the more relaxed the Day Trip and learning opportunities for your children.	
Arrival time	
Departure time	
Arriving by	Car ~ Coach ~ Minibus

Programme	Farm Animals	Early Years, Reception & KS1	Y/N
	Horticulture & Aquaponics	suitable for KS2	Y/N
	Green Energy & Electricity	suitable for KS2	Y/N
Cost	Adults & Children	(3+ yrs) £6.20 / person	
	Children	(2 yrs) £4.15 / child	
	Children	(0-1 yrs) free	

Please provide approximate numbers/ages of adults and children.

We will invoice you for the *actual* number of adults and children who attend.

Group / Class name	Group leader / Classroom teacher name(s)	Adults	Child 3-16	Key Stage	Child 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



Mobile Farm

See the Mobile Farm video on our website

Educational content Farmer Gow's Education Ltd

Contact Sarah Barrell

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Available February – December

Suitable for All ages

Booking Mobile Farm Booking Form on page 17

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 page 17 and send it to Sarah at Education@farmergows.co.uk
- Sarah 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 call by email with a programme and a quotation for the visit.
- The Mobile Farm is confirmed once you reply to our email

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 school, nursery or pre-school

- Suitable for all ages
- A bespoke programming service to compliment school learning objectives
- Two workshops, run concurrently



- 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

Medium Mobile Farm

Farm Birds & Animals

Chicks and Chickens
Turkeys, Ducks, 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
2 workshops, 10-20 minutes per workshop

Workshop 1 – Fowl

Handling - 3 from Chick, Chicken, Goose, Turkey
Handling & Boxing Free Range Eggs

Workshop 2 – 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, each leading a different workshop
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 **£375** – price will increase with Travel Time from farm and Length of Visit

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

Large Mobile Farm

Farm Birds & Animals

Chicks and Chickens
Turkeys, Ducks, Geese &/or
Turkeys
Goat kids and/or Lambs
Piglets (seasonal)
Sheep & Goats
Ewes with Lambs 'at foot' – seasonal



'Hands On' Up to 60 minutes 'hands on' experiences for each child
2 workshops, up to 30 minutes per workshop

Workshop 1 – Fowl

Handling - 4 from Chick, Chicken, Goose, Turkey
Handling & Boxing Free Range Eggs

Workshop 2 – Herbivores and/or Omnivores

Hand feeding – Goats and kids, Sheep and Lambs
Bottle feeding – up to 70 bottles available
Cuddling Lambs (seasonal)
Tickling/Patting Piglets (seasonal)

Staffing & Supervision

2 members of Farmer Gow's team, each leading a different workshop
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 **£475** – price will increase with Travel Time from farm and Length of Visit

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Frequently Asked Questions

How far do we go? 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?

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

How much will it cost?

We have quite a lot of work to do to prepare the Mobile Farm for a visit. We have to travel to and from your site and clean all our equipment on our return to the farm.

Once we have your Booking Form and you have chatted with Sarah, we will provide a 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 both the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs – DEFRA, and the Vale of White Horse District Council - VWHDC.

Working Areas & Access

Medium visit

We will arrive in the farm's VW van

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

Indoor venue – please discuss with Sarah

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

Access to the van is very important.



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 Family of Farmers
- Caring for Chickens at Home
- Introduction to Honey and Bee Keeping

Tranquility Sessions

- Chicken Stroking
- Lamb Cuddling
- Goats and Kids

Work Experience

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



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** 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	

Please email your Booking Form to ~

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