



## Outdoor Education Sessions for Home Educated Children - September 2021



At River Bourne Community Farm, we have been delivering quality outdoor education to young people for 10 years. We would now like to expand this provision to those children who are currently home educated by offering age-appropriate outdoor education sessions on the farm to small groups of children aged between 7 to 16 years old.

Our experience is that working outdoors, particularly with animals, is extremely beneficial to young people in terms of increased confidence and self-esteem. We encourage them to get fully involved and be as hands-on as possible. We want them to work in teams, be more empathetic, to be brave and 'have-a-go'.

We have fully equipped and well-resourced classrooms for indoor activities when needed and full access to all of the farm's facilities, including a wide variety of animals including pigs, sheep, cattle, alpacas, donkeys, goats, small animals and birds (poultry, game, birds of prey and exotic birds).

Activities: Animal feeding and care, egg-collecting, conservation projects, horticulture (food and farming), nature and wildlife projects, nature and farming themed arts and crafts, science on the farm.

Groups will contain a maximum of 7 children. In order for us to keep costs down, the farm will supply one tutor and one support assistant per group (for groups of more than 5). We may request that pupils who have additional needs are accompanied (following an assessment on the farm). We need a minimum of 4 pupils per group to run each session.

**Fees are payable termly at the start of each term. Missed sessions cannot be refunded. We aim to do some trial sessions before September.**

Pupils will need to bring their own wellington boots, and a warm, waterproof coat, plus a snack and/or lunch plus a drink. The farm will provide overalls, gloves and any other protective equipment needed. Families with mixed age groups will be considered on an individual basis. The farm works to Wiltshire Council term dates with 6 terms per year.

**Group 1 – pupils aged 7 to 10** 3-hour weekly sessions, **Cost £250 per term**

**Group 2 – pupils aged 11-13** 3-hour weekly sessions **Cost £250 per term**

**Group 3 – pupils aged 14 to 16** 3-hour weekly session **Cost £250 per term**

This session is aimed at those who do not wish to complete formal qualifications

**Group 4 – pupils aged 14 to 16** 5 hour weekly session (9.30 to 2.30) **Cost £300 per term**

In this session we encourage pupils to work towards a Level 1 GCSE equivalent qualification. Level 2 qualifications can be delivered if there is sufficient demand. Pupils working towards qualifications would need to attend for one day a week for two school years to achieve full Certificate.

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