



Durham Dales Federation

Hamsterley, Rookhope, St John's Chapel and Wearhead Primary Schools

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Key Stage 2 Visit to Bowlees Education Farm, Thursday 6th June.

Dear Parents/Carers,

To support their learning in our current topic, *'Sow, Grow and Farm,'* we have organised to take the children in Key Stage 2 to Bowlees Education Farm. During their visit, the children will learn about what is involved with running a working farm. They will have the opportunity to experience many farm-based activities, such as animal care and countryside skills; rural craft skills; collecting eggs; and feeding and cleaning the animals (including free-ranging organic hens, pet lambs, donkeys, ponies and native cattle). The children will also develop their understanding of where food comes from, and find out how farms use handling systems to check the welfare of their animals.

Travel arrangements:

- Rookhope Primary School & Wearhead Primary School children will be brought to St John's Chapel Primary (as per our usual Federation Day arrangements) and will leave school just after 9.00am.
- We will return from Bowlees Farm at approximately 3.00pm. If for any reason we are running late, we will keep you updated with our anticipated arrival time via WeDuc.
- Children from Rookhope Primary will be taken back to Rookhope at the end of the day by their taxi (as usual).

What the children will need:

- All children are required to wear their school jumper/cardigan, appropriate outdoor footwear and a water-proof coat.
- Children may need to take water-proof trousers with them (as we will be spending a lot of this day outdoors– rain or shine).
- The children will be provided with a school packed lunch and bottle of water to take with them. If your child usually brings their own packed lunch, you will need to provide them with a packed lunch to take with them on the day, please.
- The children will also need a rucksack/backpack to carry their packed lunch with them.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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