

Dear parents and carers,

**Mill Cottage Farm Experience**

At Berrywood we aim to offer your children the fullest possible education, with a varied exciting curriculum. As part of this, projects are often supported by educational visits or visitors, which I know are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The school budget finances all the 'essentials' that are needed to ensure the National Curriculum is delivered, but cannot support these visits. It is for this reason that I have to ask parents if they are willing to contribute towards the cost where applicable. If you are unable to contribute the full amount, any contribution received would work towards making the visit more viable. Should a number of parents not be prepared to make a contribution then, unfortunately, the visit may not be able to proceed.

To enhance the learning during the Summer Term, Year R have arranged a visit from Mill Cottage Farm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to support our work on animals and growing. In previous years, we have had many lovely visits from the Farm and they always make the effort to give the children a fantastic experience. We believe hands on activities are the best way to learn about animals and to teach respect for living things and Mill Cottage Farm are a lovely, friendly team who can provide this in a supportive environment.


In light of the current situation, we have liaised carefully with Mill Cottage Farm and the children will visit the animals in their current bubbles / classes. We will ensure that hands are washed before and after touching the animals. Mill Cottage Farm staff will disinfect the environment (e.g. gates) and equipment (e.g. brushes) between each group's visit.

A voluntary contribution of £6.71 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the consent slip below and send it to your child's class teacher by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the latest.**

Since the financial year 2010/11 the income generated from school trips has declined year on year, despite the cost of transport having increased significantly. This has led to the school making a loss to the value of tens of thousands of pounds over this period. I would also like to stress that **schools are not allowed to make a profit from any trip or visitor** and therefore, in the interests of openness, a breakdown of the cost of this trip is shown below.

Activity	Cost
Cost of workshop	£470.00
Coaches	£
<b>Total</b>	£470.00
Divided by 70 Children	£6.71 per head

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly  
 Headteacher

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**To: Mrs Fisher / Mrs Yeoman / Mrs Burt / Mrs Hampson / Miss Phillips, Year R Team**

\*I give my / \* do not give my consent for my child to take part in the visit from Mill Cottage Farm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

\*I have paid online at [www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri](http://www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri) / due to the current Covid-19 situation please do not pay cash if at all possible.

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian Date: .....

**\*please delete as appropriate**

