

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Mill Cottage Farm Visitors**

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.

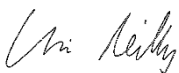
To enhance the learning during the Summer Term, Year R have arranged a visit from Mill Cottage Farm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April to support our work on animals and growing. In previous years, we have had many lovely visits from the Farm and they always make the effort to give the children a fantastic 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.

A voluntary contribution of £5.45 is required to help cover the cost of this visit. Please complete the Google form <https://forms.gle/ZCCeJ4Z9rMrk5JMb9> by **Thursday 6th April 2023 at the latest.**

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	£485.00
Coaches	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£485.00</b>
Divided by 89 Children	£5.449 per head

Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly  
Headteacher