

14th September 2023

To all Parents/Carers of children in Otter Class

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Learning Journey, 'Why would you choose Lincolnshire to build your farm?', we have organised a school visit to Rand Farm Park. The visit will take place on Friday 10th November 2023. This visit will offer the opportunity for children to look at what is grown in Lincolnshire which will also include a sausage making workshop!

Children will enjoy a full day of varied activities which are outlined below:

Itinerary for the day

- 10.00 am Arrive at Rand Farm Park, comfort break and collect animal feed
- 10.15 am Visit to the large animal barn to meet and feed the animals, including cows, pigs, sheep etc. Discussion on traditional farms in Lincolnshire.
- 11.00 am Sausage making workshop
- 11.45 am Tractor ride to see animals outside whilst sausages and potatoes are cooked. Discussion on why they are brought inside in winter and what they are fed
- 12.00 pm Lunch in the tea room
- 12.45 pm Playtime
- 1.00 pm Rabbit/guinea pig handling
- 1.30 pm Bottle-feeding calves
- 2.00 pm Depart for return to school

All children will need to wear warm, old clothes and bring a pair of wellies for work around the farm, although spares are available at Rand Farm. Children should also have a warm, waterproof coat as a lot of time will be spent outside.

Children will leave school at 9.00 am and return at approximately 3.00 pm. Please ensure that your child is in school on time so that the bus can leave promptly; children arriving late at school and who miss the bus will remain in school and any contributions will not be refunded.

Whilst we offer as much funding as is possible towards our educational visits, we, unfortunately, do not have the available financial resources to fund the full amount of this visit. In order to ensure that this opportunity is available to our pupils, we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £10.25 from the parents of the pupils invited on the trip, although you are welcome to give more, if you are able, or if you have more than one child invited on the trip and would like this to be reflected in your donation. Please see the table below outlining the costs requested per pupil:

Contribution	Amount per pupil
School contribution (cost of transport)	£15.45
Parental contribution requested from parents	£10.25

We would like to make it clear that this contribution is entirely voluntary from yourself and there is no obligation for you to submit this payment. However, as we are unable to cover the full cost, insufficient funds may result in the visit being unable to go ahead. If we have already received donations prior to the cancellation of the trip, please be assured that these will be refunded to parents in full. We would also like to inform you that, should you decide not to make a contribution, neither yourself nor your child will be treated any differently, and your child's place on the trip will not be removed as a result of no donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and will mean that, if we can cover the full cost together, we will be able to enhance your child's learning in the way in which we believe is most beneficial.

As with all our visits, we reserve the right to refuse any child whose behaviour constitutes a risk to the health and safety or well-being of others. Children who do not go will work in school.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided by our school meal provider. Your child will, however, need to bring a water bottle with them on the day.

For more information on voluntary contributions and our policy towards allocating pupils' places on our visits, please read our Charging and Remissions Policy and our Educational Visits Policy, both of which can be accessed via our school website. Alternatively, hard copies of both policies are available upon request from our school office.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that we are able to cover the costs of this trip in order to provide your child, as well as other pupils, with this great learning opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01427 612572 or by emailing mercerooffice@talloaksacademy.co.uk

Important:

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please make sure your child takes their medication **before** coming in to school in the morning. If your child will require medication for the return journey, **please complete the attached request for administering medication form and return to school with your reply slip. Medication should be sent in to school in a sealed envelope with your child on the day of the visit. Medication will not be administered unless this has been completed.**

Yours sincerely



Mr K Ola
Head of School