

Information On Our Holiday Programmes

Clothes and what to bring:

Children can either bring a snack, drink and lunch or money (about £3.50) to buy food from the café. The café provides a wide range of hot and cold food but can be busy in summer. We do have a drinking fountain but a bottle of water is especially useful on a hot day. Children should wear old clothes as some of the activities can be messy. Depending on the weather, wellingtons and raincoats, jumpers or sun cream should be provided for children attending Young Farmers or Own a Pony.

Footwear:

Solid shoes/boots or wellies are best for the outdoor clubs. You don't have to have riding boots for Own A Pony as we can lend you some if you are going on the ride out. When in doubt: wellies! (Trainers are not appropriate for Own A Pony). For Young Farmers and



Discovery Club please wear wellies or scruffy trainers!

Do any outings take place away from the Farm premises?

Children on holiday programmes don't usually have cause to leave site, except those on Own A Pony who will do so on horseback! Sometimes, we may take groups into Morden Hall Park (adjacent to the Farm) for games.

If a child is not given permission to leave the Farm premises in the Parent/Carer Consent Form, arrangements will be made to stay on site and, if possible, the child will join in another Club around the Farm for that time.



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Our Holiday Clubs:

Own a Pony: Children between 8 & 16 years old will be working alongside staff & volunteers to care for our horses & ponies. The day might include mucking out, feeding, grooming, sweeping the stable yard, lectures, quizzes and games. Maximum number of children: 14. 10am to 4pm.

Young Farmers: Children between 8 & 12 years old can get their hands dirty working alongside staff cleaning out animal pens, feeding & caring for our farm animals. Farmyard work can be hard, broken up by animal handling, farm quizzes or games. Maximum number of children: 8. 10am to 4pm.

Discovery: Depending on weather, age and ability of children, activities will vary from day to day but will contain a variety of arts and craft, science and nature as well as farm activities and gardening. Age range 8 to 12 years. Maximum number: 8. 10am to 3.30pm.

Identification of staff/children:

Our Child Protection Policy dictates that members of staff wear green Deen City Farm shirts or fleeces with "STAFF" on the back. The typical staff/volunteer—children ratio is 1:8.

All children will be shown where the staff offices are and how to find a member of staff if necessary. Children wear a fluorescent band so all staff can identify them.

Health and Safety Issues:

All health & safety issues related to a farm environment are discussed with the children on their arrival and they fill in a health and safety form. A copy of this form is available on request so parents/carers are aware of the issues covered.

Many members of staff at Deen City Farm are first-aid trained and all accidents are recorded in the Accident Report Book.

We work alongside Merton Council to maintain our Equal Opportunities Policy.

Illness, accidents and medical attention:

Parents/carers must fill in a parent consent form containing information including contact numbers & information on any allergies or medical conditions that we might need to know. We will inform you if there is an incident involving your child either immediately or when you collect them, depending on the incident.

The parent/carer consent form is available via our website and we would strongly encourage the parents/carers of children with behavioural issues to complete this form *in advance* of the time your child will be with us so that we have time to address health & safety factors and ensure your child enjoys their day.

Lunch time and breaks:

Children get 20 minutes break in the morning and an hour for lunch, when children from all clubs are brought together. Food can be eaten inside our Cabin, which has tables and chairs. Here, children can eat, chat and play quiet games: colouring in, board games etc. are made available. Children can eat outside the cabin in good weather on reserved tables.

A member of staff is in attendance during lunch times and children are told to remain in supervised areas. Weather permitting, organised games such as rounders, football, obstacle courses, etc. may be on offer.

All clubs need to be pre booked and pre-paid!

Important Note: *The Farm welcomes attendees with additional support needs but does not have the resources to provide one-to-one support. In some cases, it may be necessary for health & safety reasons for a parent or support worker to attend for the day. Deen City Farm runs these activities for many participants. We reserve the right to refuse people at any time who pose a potential risk to themselves, the farm, its staff, other participants, or to the general public.*