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Dear Parents/Carers

Farms for City Children Year 5 Residential Trip – October 2024

I am pleased to inform you that a fantastic opportunity of a **Residential Trip** has just been offered to our current Year 4 children for when they are in Year 5.

The trip will take place at **Wick Court Farm from Monday 21 to Friday 25 October 2024**. It will give the children the opportunity to be a **'Farmer for the Week'**!

The farm is part of the 'Farms for Children' Charity, it is a working farm purely for children and is based just outside of Gloucester. The charity has been awarded a substantial amount of funding for 3 local Primary Schools from Gloucester, of which we were chosen and thus we are able to offer this complete residential trip to **36 children at a massively reduced price of £75.00**.

We believe that the learning opportunity and the new activities they will undertake will be like nothing they have ever experienced and most definitely will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The children will stay in bright and cosy dormitory style bedrooms with en-suite facilities, and there will always be a minimum of **4 members of staff on site at all times** plus staff from the charity.

The children will take part in a range of activities from feeding the animals, grooming the horses, herding sheep, visiting a local dairy farm, bee keeping, bird and bat watching and tending to the farm's gardens where they will pick fresh produce that will be used in the meals they eat and of course mucking and cleaning out all of the animal's enclosures!!

The children will have **3 home-made meals a day** using fresh produce either grown on the farm or purchased from local producers. Many of the meals will be cooked by the children themselves in special preparation sessions with the kitchen team.

The children will have some free time of which can be spent playing table tennis, basketball outside in a safe space, or in our classrooms, library or craft room which are all full of books, games and fun activities.

I must say from my visit to the farm this is a fantastic learning opportunity and experience for your child. It will boost their confidence and self-esteem, raise their awareness of the importance of sustainability and give an insight into the vital role played by farmers, but most of all your child will have a great time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Millington
Executive Headteacher

PLEASE SEE REVERSE



Please return this slip by Friday 8 March 2024

RE: Farms for City Children Year 5 Residential Trip to Wick Farm

I would like my child _____ to go on the Year 5 Residential trip to Wick Court Farm from Monday 21 to Friday 25 October 2024.

I agree to pay the amount of £75.00

(Can be paid in instalments - expected payment dates to follow)

I have included a non-refundable £25.00 deposit: (please tick)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

