

FABULOUS FOOD & FARMING



CONNECTING
SCHOOLS WITH
FARMS AND
FARMERS



Fabulous Food & Farming aims to “encourage a better understanding of farming, horticulture, rural business and the countryside in Dorset.”



A visit to a working farm will involve a wide variety of new experiences for both children and adults.

Seeing agriculture and other rural businesses operating in front of them is a fantastic opportunity for students. **The natural link between the wide range of school subjects becomes clear.**

The new Ofsted Framework suggests that schools need to look at their curriculum design and development to ensure it **caters for all children, especially those that find it hard to learn through more traditional routes.**

If you can't make it out on to a farm then we can arrange for a farmer to visit you in school to talk in an assembly or to an individual class.

This can be a broad introduction to the farmer and their farm, or something more specific if you have a certain topic that you would like to cover.

Have you ever asked a child where their food comes from?

Their response is often "the supermarket!"

Getting children outdoors and letting them experience a real working farm will reconnect them with where food comes from, and will provide them with an enjoyable experience and lasting memories.



Learning outside the classroom and visiting a real farm can provide...

- ✔ **Transferable skills** e.g. organisational skills, communication and leadership skills
- ✔ **Unique experiences:** holding a chick, running through long grass and sitting in a tractor cab full of the latest technology
- ✔ **A direct, hands-on way to teach** children about many important topics including nutrition, food production, sustainability and conservation
- ✔ **Imaginative learning**
- ✔ **An opportunity for physical exercise**
- ✔ **A professional development opportunity for teachers** in gaining farming and countryside knowledge and experience of outdoor education
- ✔ **A link to a wide variety of curriculum subjects**
- ✔ **A different environment for learning** which is stimulating and versatile and open to all regardless of ability, prior knowledge or background

The Fund predominantly covers travel costs involved in getting schools on to local farms but also welcomes applications for capital projects.

Grants are very simple to apply for - complete the form on our website. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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We can help with:

- An introduction to a host farm
- National Curriculum links
- Sources of health and safety guidance
- Grants towards costs such as travelling



“ I really enjoyed feeding the lambs and calves and watching the cows being milked.”

Lucy, Year 1, Puddletown First School

“ Thank you ever so much again for the funding towards the transport. The trip has gone down with parents and children in being the best trip ever!”

Edd Moore, Teacher at Damers First School



We can suggest farms that would be pleased for you to visit or you are welcome to select your own.



KEY

-  Beef
-  Poultry
-  Dairy
-  Sheep
-  Arable
-  Wildlife Schemes

These places have farms who are willing to host visits...

- 1 Manston 
- 2 Travellers Rest Farm, Durweston    
- 3 Tarrant Launceston   
- 4 Charborough Park, Wareham  
- 5 Warren Hill Farm, Puddletown      
- 6 Maiden Castle Farm, Dorchester    
- 7 Owermoigne 
- 8 Lower Dairy, Poxwell 
- 9 East Shilvinghampton Farm, Portesham  
- 10 Frampton 
- 11 Bookham Farm, Alton Pancras   
- 12 Barcombe Farm, Alton Pancras 
- 13 South Petherton  
- 14 Mappowder  

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