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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Smithills Open Farm is a great educational hands-on experience for children of all ages. Located in the beautiful Smithills countryside, we provide an educational and exciting experience for all, giving children the opportunity to learn as well as enjoy themselves with lots of activities for them to take part in. Whatever the weather this will be an exciting day for children and adults alike.

Pets Corner - Here is a chance to learn about the animals as well as coming into close contact with them. Children are allowed to hold small animals such as rabbits, chicks and guinea pigs and also stroke a huge European Eagle and owl. You will also meet a range of other baby animals which can include piglets, foals, llamas and alpacas.

Donkey Rides - A donkey ride for each child is included in the price. (Not available for Juniors Year 3 and above)

Tractor and Trailer Rides - All aboard as everyone can ride on the tractor and trailer, again this is included in the price. You will be taken for a short drive to find our herd of donkeys where you will get to meet and feed them.

Animal Feeding- you will be taken around the farm for a walk to feed some of the animals we have outside. These include llamas, deer, sheep, goats and more. The staff will also tell you a bit about each animal and you can take this opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Meet the Meerkats- A short talk and a demonstration where you can see our meerkats up close and also learn a little bit about them and the other animals we have in our Zoo Zone.

Milking Cows - The children have the chance to watch the cows being milked and learn where milk really comes from. The children are then able to bottle feed the calves with the milk from the cows.

Play equipment-When the children have looked at all of our animals they can let off steam by playing on one of our children's outdoor play areas or on our toy tractors.

If you are doing a particular topic at school please feel free to let us know and we can incorporate any extra information which might be useful to you into one of our talks.

Other Facilities- We provide both indoor and outdoor picnic areas and we can offer prebooked catering at very competitive rates. We also have ample hand washing and toileting facilities. Our farm and its facilities are assessable for wheelchair users. Parking is also available for cars, mini buses and coaches. Please tell your coach driver that they can access the farm easily and there is plenty of space to turn around.

Catering - For just £4.75 per child we can provide the food during your visit too, this **MUST** be booked in advance. This will be a selection of sandwiches, fresh fruit platter, small cakes, crisps, yoghurts and drinks. Please feel free to discuss any individual catering or dietary requirements when booking.

Price - March-September the cost of a group visit is just £11.00 per child (only babies under 1 are free of charge) which includes all of the activities above. All supervising adults are free to the ratio of 1 adult to every 5 children. Any adults above this ratio are charged £11.00 each.

Out of season offer

Book a trip to the farm for January, February, September (term time), October or November for just £10.00 per child with all accompanying adults free of charge! Book a trip for December for just £11.00 per child with all adults free of charge. Whatever time of year we have plenty of baby animals and all the activities run all year round!

All school trips in December will include a visit to Santa and a gift for each child.

Gift Shop- our gift shop will be open throughout your visit which stocks many pocket money toys in case the children bring any money along. Alternatively we can make up gift bags to your preferred amount and they can be collected before you leave the farm.

Opening Hours - our farm is open 7 days a week 10.00am til 5.00pm* so there's always something to see and do whatever the season. Our farm has been awarded a Quality Assured Visitor Attraction Certificate.

Health and Safety- If you require copies of our risk assessments please email the farm on info@smithillsopenfarm.co.uk

* Please note we are closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.
Early booking is essential to avoid disappointment, please telephone 01204 595765 for more details.

Hope to see you soon.

Carl Grimshaw (Farm Manager)

