



January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Rushall Farm Visit – March 2020**

The next unit of study in Year 7 Geography is 'Food Issues' and we would like to give the students a chance to investigate this topic further by visiting Rushall Farm, Bradfield. We will have the opportunity to look at crop rotations, organic farming methods, farm animals and the different machinery employed. Tractor rides are often available and there may be an opportunity to feed the lambs. The tutor groups will visit the farm on the following days:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 7B, 7C, 7G, 7H  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 7L, 7S, 7T, 7W

We will leave school at 9.00 am and return before 3.30 pm on each day. Transport will be provided by Reading & Wokingham coaches which are fitted with seat belts.

**Students should register as normal and then proceed to Car Park 1 at 8.50am.**

We will need to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£22** per student. This will include transport by coach and guided tours of the farm. Your daughter will need to be suitably dressed; wellington boots and a waterproof coat would be desirable, and she must also bring a packed lunch and a rucksack-style bag to carry it in. If she has access to a clipboard, this would also be useful. Although the contribution is voluntary, we will be unable to go ahead with the trip if insufficient contributions are made. In case of severe financial hardship please contact Mrs Kennedy, Co-Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation.

Payment for the trip should be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail [n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk). In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

Payment for the trip will be deemed as your giving consent. However, **if the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child**, then please give your consent here [Pupil Premium](#).

Please check and amend the data that we hold for your child using the SIMS Parent App. Please ensure this is always kept up to date.

The deadline for this trip is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please ensure you have made payment or, in the case of Pupil Premium, given consent by this date.

Yours sincerely

**Mr T Morrison**  
Head of Geography