

Farm visits:

A guide for teachers

A farm visit gives children the opportunity to connect with the living environment in a new way and can help you deliver many aspects of the curriculum. This sheet tells you how to get started.



Why visit a farm?

Interacting with living plants and animals provides a hands-on learning experience in which both formal and informal education can flourish. There are many benefits:

- Young people can learn in new and exciting ways – in particular, helping those who find classroom learning difficult.
- The wider community can get involved.
- It's an ideal way to transmit some key messages such as healthy eating.
- Regular visits to a farm enable food production through the seasons to be observed.

What can I expect from a farm visit?

A typical visit will last 2-4 hours and may look at a particular aspect of the farm, such as lambing, the milking parlour, crops in the field or machinery, with an opportunity often for a walk or to look at wildlife.

There are plenty of opportunities for learning and developing skills. Pupils can learn about the history of the buildings or the maths of milking, make maps, investigate food chains, and explore themes such as ESDGC and climate change.



Health and safety

A farm is a working environment and will be unfamiliar to many children, so it is important to plan carefully. You should visit the farm before you take your class and agree a risk assessment with the farmer. It is your responsibility also to maintain discipline on the visit. Please see our information sheet 'Preparing for a farm visit'.

What will it cost?

You will need to discuss a price with the farm. Some farms welcome a limited number of free visits as a service to the community. Others have diversified into educational work and invested in extra facilities, and these will charge. Some schools have found sponsorship locally to cover the costs of bus travel to the farm.

Where can I find a farm?

Go to www.face-cymru.org.uk and click on 'Search farms to visit'. That will take you to a database of farms. However, other farms are available so do contact FACE for more information.

www.face-cymru.org.uk

Who can help?

Here are some organizations which can help with information and advice:

FACE Cymru: www.face-cymru.org.uk

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens www.farmgarden.org.uk

LEAF www.leafuk.org HSE www.hse.gov.uk

Soil Association www.soilassociation.org

Organic Centre Wales www.organiccentrewales.org.uk

Ymweliadau fferm: Canllawiau i athrawon

Mae ymweliad fferm yn rhoi cyfle i blant gysylltu gyda'r amgylchedd byw mewn ffordd newydd a gall eich helpu i gyflwyno llawer agwedd o'r cwricwlwm. Mae'r daflen hon yn dweud wrthyfch sut y gallwch ddechrau.



Pam ymweld â fferm?

Mae rhyngweithio gyda phlanhigion ac anifeili-aid byw yn darparu profiad dysgu ymarferol lle gall addysg ffurfiol ac anffurfiol yn ffynnu. Mae llawer o fuddion:

- Gall pobl ifanc ddysgu mewn ffyrdd newydd a chyffrous - yn arbennig, helpu'r rhai sy'n cael dysgu yn y dosbarth yn anodd.
- Gall y gymuned ehangach gael ei chynnwys.
- Mae'n ffordd ddelfrydol i drosglwyddo rhai negeseuon allweddol fel bwyta'n iach.
- Mae ymweliadau rheolaidd i fferm yn golygu y gallwch arsyllu cynhyrchu bwyd drwy'r tymhorau.

Beth gallaf ddisgwyl o ymweliad fferm?

Bydd ymweliad arferol yn parhau am 2-4 awr a gall edrych ar agwedd arbennig o'r fferm, fel ŵyna, y parlwr godro, cnydau yn y caeau neu beiriannau, gyda chyfle yn aml i fynd am dro neu i edrych ar fywyd gwyllt.

Mae yna lawer o gyfleoedd ar gyfer dysgu a datblygu sgiliau. Gall disgyblion ddysgu am hanes yr adeiladau neu ar fathemateg godro, gwneud mapiau, ymchwilio i gadwyni bwyd ac archwilio themau fel ESDGC a newid hinsawdd.



Iechyd a diogelwch

Mae fferm yn amgylchedd gwaith ac fe fydd yn anghyfarwydd i lawer o blant, felly mae'n bwysig i gynllunio'n ofalus. Dylech ymweld â'r fferm cyn i chi fynd â'ch dosbarth a chytuno ar asesiad risg gyda'r ffermwyr. Eich cyfrifoldeb chi hefyd yw cynnal disgyblaeth yn ystod yr ymweliad. Edrychwch ar ein taflen wybodaeth 'Paratoi ar gyfer ymweliad fferm' os gwelwch yn dda.

Beth fydd y gost?

Bydd rhaid i chi drafod ffi gyda'r fferm. Mae rhai ffermydd yn croesawu nifer cyfyngedig o ymweliadau fel gwasanaeth i'r gymuned. Mae rhai eraill wedi arall-gyfeirio i waith addysgol ac wedi buddsoddi mewn cyfleusterau ychwanegol, ac fe fydd y rhain yn codi tâl. Mae rhai ysgolion wedi cael hyd i nawdd yn lleol i dalu am y gost o deithio ar y bws i'r fferm.

Lle gallaf gael hyd i fferm?

Evch i www.face-cymru.org.uk a chliciwch ar 'Chwiliwch am fferm'. Fe fydd hynny yn eich cyfeirio at gronfa ddata o ffermydd. Fodd bynnag, mae ffermydd eraill ar gael. Felly cysylltwch â FACE am fwy o wybodaeth.

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Pwy all helpu?

Dyma rhai sefydliadau a all helpu gyda gwybodaeth a chyngor:

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