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Dear Headteacher,

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Royal Norfolk Show 2020

The 158th Royal Norfolk Show takes place on 1st and 2nd July 2020. It is an iconic celebration of Norfolk life packed full of entertaining, informative and interactive displays and events. Last year we welcomed over 10,000 school children to the Show and I'm pleased to extend a warm invitation to you to bring your pupils to this year's Royal Norfolk Show. We are delighted to offer free tickets to schools in order to make the most of the wide range of exciting educational activities we have planned for the Royal Norfolk Show 2020.

The Discovery Zone is our farming themed area aimed at young people of all ages with a mix of animals, crops, machinery and science. This year, our core theme is the potato, a key Norfolk crop and staple food. Our stewards and school guides will explain how the potato is grown, harvested and processed. There will be lots of opportunities for our visitors to take part in fun hands on activities. Joining us in the Discovery Zone are the Food and Farming Discovery Trust, Norwich Science Festival and Morrisons with Easton College and Norfolk Young Farmers in adjacent stands.

The Norfolk Schools Art Competition is our annual competition for children in all year groups up to KS3 which will be judged with prizes awarded at the Show. This year our competition theme is 'Grown in Norfolk'. Full details and an entry form are attached. You may also wish to consider creating your own School Garden in the Home and Garden Show area at this year's Royal Norfolk Show. It is free to enter a School Garden with plots measuring 3m x 3m. Each garden is judged on its own merit against the published judging criteria with a best overall garden and gold, silver and bronze awards. Further details and entry forms are on the Show website. The point of contact for Gardens is Katia Bentley at 01603 594462 or katia.bentley@rnaa.org.uk.

There is of course so much to see and do at the Royal Norfolk Show. The Rare Breeds Survival Trust will host Mr Mawkin's Farm where it is possible to get hands on with the various animals and learn about the importance of the many rare breeds on show. The Broads National Park Village offers a flavour of Norfolk's own wonderful National Park. This year, Active Norfolk will host a range of fun action-packed activities promoting sports and physical activity in the county. Meet those who serve our communities in the Emergency Services Village and the Military Village. The Grand Ring and Countryside Ring have great entertainment to appeal to visitors of all ages. All booked school parties will be provided with a Schools Information Booklet covering all the essential information you need to make the most of your day at the Show.

To find out more and book tickets for the Royal Norfolk Show, please visit our website www.rnaa.org.uk. Advance booking is necessary, and we ask that you complete the online form by Tuesday 28th April 2020 so we can best prepare for your visit. For further information our Schools' point of contact is Maria Skitmore at 01603 731963 or maria.skitmore@rnaa.org.uk. I very much look forward to welcoming you to the Royal Norfolk Show 2020.

Yours sincerely

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