

## Farm and Countryside Visits for Schools 2003/4

### **Visit to the College Farm** - Key stages 1,2,3 and 4

Guided walking tour of the livestock units on the college farm. Allow two hours. Barn is usually available for lunch and group organised activities afterwards. Max group size 40 + adults     **£1.50 per child**

### **Norfolk Farming and Food** - Key stages 1 and 2

Guided walking tour of the livestock units with the emphasis on the foods produced on the farm. After lunch activity in the Barn based on food in the children's lunch boxes which might have come from Norfolk farms. Max group size 40 + adults     **£2.00 per child**

### **The Farming Business** - Key stage 2    From March 2004

Guided walking tour of the livestock units with the emphasis on the inputs, overheads and produce of the farm. After lunch activity in groups in the Barn to find out what it costs to produce food we eat every day. Max group size 40 + adults     **£2.00 per child**

### **Living and Growing** - Key stage 1 science    March to May only

How do plants and animals grow? Half the day is spent on the farm looking at the young animals and half is spent sowing seeds and finding out plants need to grow well.

Max group size 30 + adults     **£2.00 per child**

### **Habitats** - Key stage 2    Sept - Oct and March - July only

Surveying and recording in varied habitats including pond, field and woodland. Max group size 30 + adults     **£2.00 per child**

### **Woodland in Winter** - Key stage 1 and 2    October - January only

Trees, leaves, bark, seeds. Using the college woods and arboretum.

Observing, recording and art and craft.

Mini bus size groups only     **£2.00 per child**



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## Visit programme details overleaf

### Resources at Easton College – farm and countryside

Easton College is six miles to the west of Norwich, near the Norfolk Showground. We have a 250ha mixed farm with dairy cows, sheep, pigs, poultry and a small herd of fallow deer. Crops include wheat, barley, sugar beet and maize. An area of the farm is undergoing conversion to organic status, grazed by a small flock of sheep.

The farm and estate is run as a commercial enterprise. As on every farm, what can be seen on any day is controlled by the farming cycle, farm economics and the time of the year.

Conservation plays an important part in the way the college estate is cared for, the areas of woodland, water meadows and field boundaries are managed for the benefit of wildlife. The farm and countryside also serve as a teaching resource for the college's students.

Behind the Schools Barn there is a small woodland garden (with red squirrel and dormouse enclosures) a pond for dipping and a conservation area - these are suitable for use by primary school groups. Not far from the Barn is the Dell which is primarily a managed wetland. Rather further away and along narrow lanes is Broom Wood - this area is more suitable for visits by small groups of older pupils.

### The Schools Barn

The Schools Barn is used as the base for all visiting groups. It is heated and incorporates a classroom and an activity area, the dividing screen can be opened to create one large room. There are relevant displays on the boards in the Barn and limited stationery and some equipment such as pond dipping nets and lenses and microscopes.

Our schools guides lead the farm visits, habitat studies and teaching sessions in the Barn, but do not stay with the groups during lunch breaks.

Toilets and hand washing facilities are nearby.

Groups staying all day need to bring packed meals - which can be eaten picnic style outside if the weather is fine or in the Barn.

Children and adults should bring waterproof warm clothing and waterproof footwear. Visitors to livestock units have to dip their boots in disinfectant to prevent the spread of infection.

### Support materials

An Easton College Farm Information Pack will be available from early October. Many schools borrow curriculum support boxes from the Norfolk Farm Education Link. These contain an extensive range of materials for use in the classroom linked to key stages.

### Visit planning sessions for teachers

This year we will be offering free bookable pre-visit sessions for teachers providing an opportunity for planning, looking at our resources and checking the risk assessment.

### What will it cost?

The charges per child for the visits are listed overleaf.

The Clan Trust makes travel grants of up to £50 per school for most visits here. An application form will be sent with your visit booking confirmation.

### For further information and bookings contact:

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