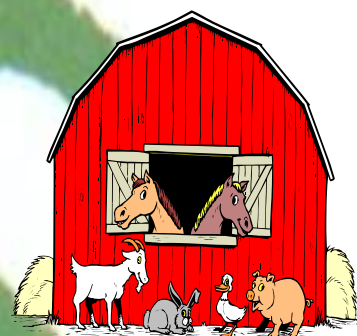


Hello and welcome to Highfields Happy Hens. My name is Beryl Hosking and I will be organising your visit for you. We have a number of enthusiastic staff members dedicated to making your visit special, all of whom have ample experience working with children of all ages.

For many years, Highfields Farm has been a refuge and a place for young people with learning disabilities, this makes it a very special and unique farm. We aim to make Early Years visits a very fun but real, hands on experience for children of all ages, no two trips are the same, as farm life differs from day to day!



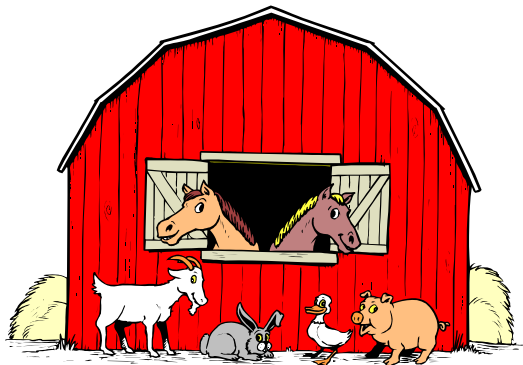
Our Early Years visits are catered around your children and can be adapted for different topics, which you may be studying. All areas of the foundation stage can be included, as the children become involved in the different activities on the farm. The actual farm tour lasts around one and a half to two hours, although your trip can last all day. We have a great deal of space for your own individual activities (such as games and/or walking around the farm at your own pace).



Trips are charged at £4.50 per person and include the use of our function room for meal/picnic, work area etc; a tractor and trailer ride around the farm, egg collecting and visiting what ever is happening on that day (eggs hatching, chicks, lambs etc) all of which is within your tour. You may also use the picnic areas, the nature trail, the bouncy castle and the fields (for games).

Sandwich boxes can also be provided for your trip at an extra cost (please see following information). We do not take bookings for less than 10 children, this enables us to cover costs. If your group is less than this, we would need to ask for the full price of 10.

The farm is open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm and trips are available throughout the week. All group visits **must** be pre-booked. Teachers are welcome to a free tour of the farm to help them plan the day, this must also be pre-booked to ensure that I am available.



What is there to do?

Early Years visits to Highfields Happy Hens provide an enjoyable time for adults and children alike. From just £4.50 per person we provide you with an experience that will never be forgotten! This price now includes the use of our function room containing tables and chairs. There is plenty of room for a meal or picnic (sandwich boxes can be provided by us at an extra cost) and could also be used as a work area for you if you were planning to do any activities whilst on the farm. The room can also be used for other functions such as fun days, a work area, alpha away days etc.

We have a policy to help with your costs, this is, for every five children attending the trip, one adult can accompany them free of charge. All other adults must be paid for at the regular cost of £4.50 per person (optional extra's, such as, eggs to take home, sandwich boxes, etc are not included within this policy).

The basic package consists of a trip around the farm and includes the following:

- ❖ Tractor and trailer rides.
- ❖ A guided tour of the farm.
- ❖ Egg collecting.
- ❖ Animal feeding.
- ❖ Use of our function room.

A visit to Highfields Happy Hens can be as long or as short as you want it to. If you would like to spend more time on the farm, there are many more activities that can fill your day, these include:

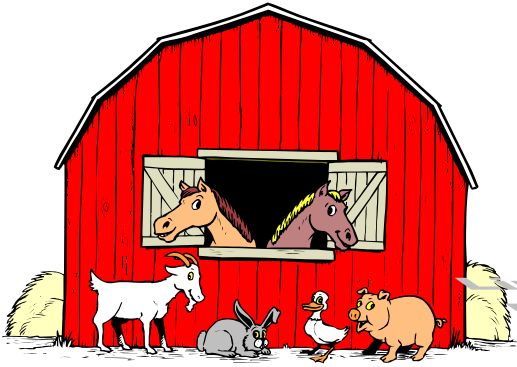
- ❖ Bouncy castle (weather permitting)
- ❖ Hay Play area
- ❖ Henrietta's Nature Trail
- ❖ Indoor Play Tunnel
- ❖ Corn Story Sand Play Area
- ❖ Henrietta's Tractor School
- ❖ Fields to play in
- ❖ Picnic areas
- ❖ The farm shop (selling a variety of toys and stationary which the children may like to buy).
- ❖ Out door/indoor toys can be hired from us at an extra cost.
- ❖ We have a parachute, which you are welcome to use (at an extra cost).

Please see contents of the pack for additional options, which will help to make your trip as fun as possible.

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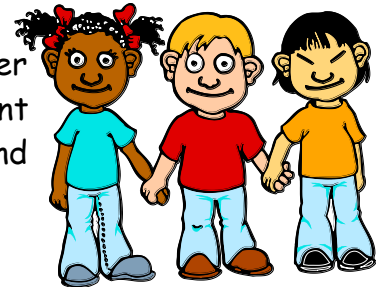
Links to the Foundation Stage!



As a farm, we feel that we can include all six areas of the foundation stage within the Early Years farm trips:

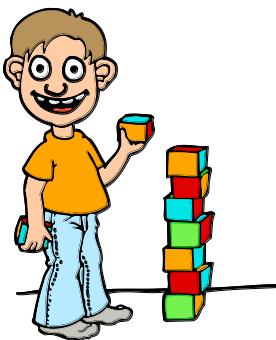
Personal, Social & Emotional:

Highfields Happy Hens aims to provide a positive atmosphere, allowing the children to happily take part in a number of activities. Children will be shown how to care for the different farm animals, they will be given a chance to feed many of them and even to hold or touch some of them!



Communication, Language & Literacy:

A tour, of Highfields Happy Hens, provides ample opportunity for the children to ask and answer questions, there are also many information signs around the farm, which can be read out to the children, helping them to understand more about the farm, and often leading to more conversation about their surroundings.

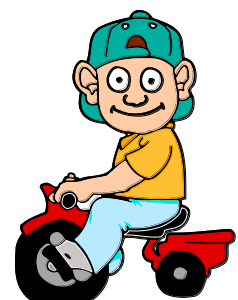


Mathematical Development:

There are so many opportunities to introduce mathematical concepts at Highfields, from counting eggs and animals, to deciding which animal is the biggest or smallest and which egg is heavier or lighter. It is also possible to start discussions on shape as the children begin to explore their surroundings more.

Physical Development:

From running around and playing on the bouncy castle or in the hay play area, to collecting eggs and holding/touching the animals, all areas of physical development can be covered.



Knowledge & Understanding of the World:

Most of the opportunities and experiences at Highfields will help the children to learn more about their world, there is so much to explore and take part in that they may not be able to take it all in! The main aim is that we help children to understand that their food doesn't come from the supermarket, and how it is produced!

Creative Development:

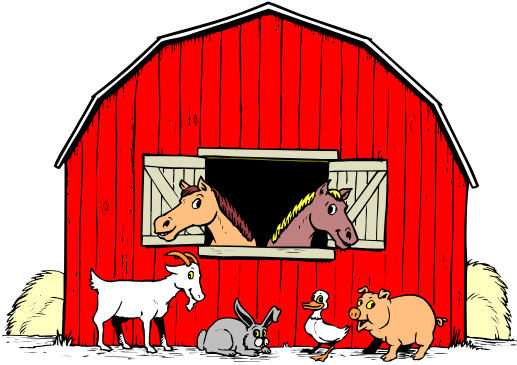


This is often quite a difficult aspect to pick up on during a farm visit, although there are a few things that can help to encourage creativity, we have many large jigsaws around the farm, which the children love doing, they can either be completed by a group, or simply by an individual.

We are also looking into providing creative sessions as an extra for the early years visits, this will include basic creative ideas, such as, painting, drawing, collage etc, which will be based on their farm experience. (If you are interested in this, please phone for more details).

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Sandwich Boxes!

For an extra £3.75 per person, we can provide picnic sandwich boxes for each person, this will take much of the stress out of the trip as you will not need to prepare your own. Our sandwich boxes include the following:

Sandwiches

A Packet of Crisps

A Piece of Fresh Fruit

A Fruit Yogurt

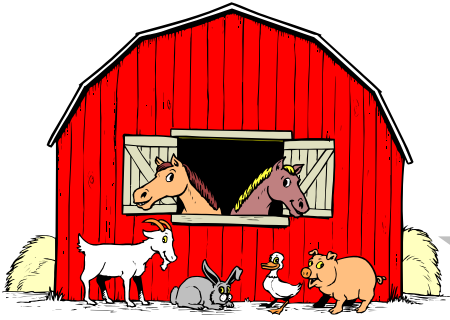
A Carton of Juice



To help us cater for all of your needs, we will need actual numbers at least one week before your trip.

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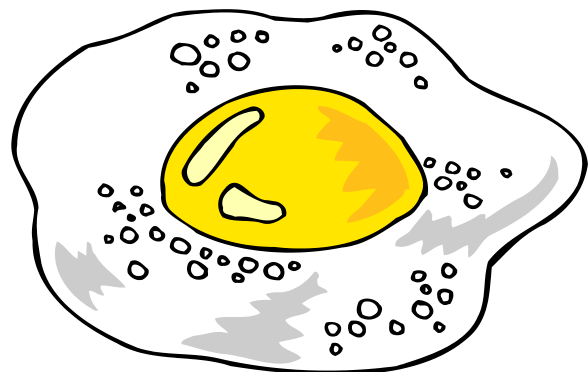
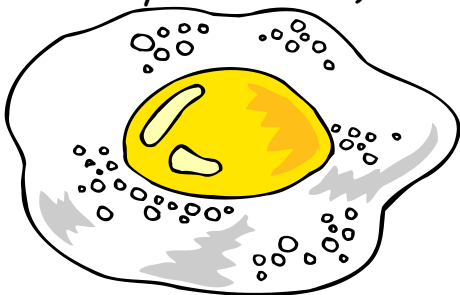


Eggs To Take Home!

At an extra 75p per child, they can take $\frac{1}{2}$ doz eggs home, which they have collected themselves. This provides each child with a great treat, which they can be proud of.

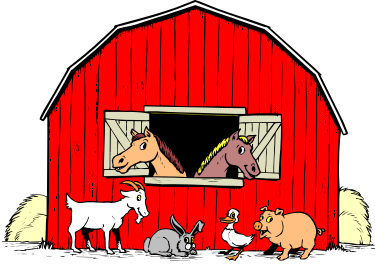
All of the eggs that the children are buying will be stamped with the name of your nursery/group, this is just a little extra something that the kids will love.

Each child will be given a small box in which to put their six eggs into, their names are then put onto each one, making sure the correct eggs go home with each child. The boxes are then given out at the end of the trip (to prevent too many omelettes!).



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Goody Bags!

From past experience, we have noticed that the children always enjoy a visit to the shop to buy a souvenir. This can sometimes be very time consuming and stressful for you and other adults, while we are more than happy for you to do this as part of your trip, we have produced some 'Goody Bags' which are pre ordered, meaning no decisions and no needing to look after spending money.

For just £3.00, each child (only available for children aged 3 years and over) can take home a 'Goody Bag' with various treats and toys etc (some of which are not available in our shop!) We can either hand them out to the children as they leave the farm or we can give them to you to hand out later. There are two 'Goody Bags' to choose from.

Goody Bag a!

Contains:

- 1 practical joke egg
(worth £1.50)
- 1 farm pencil with rubber
(worth 90p)
- 1 farm pencil sharpener
(not available in the shop)
- 1 Highfields Happy Hens Balloon
- Free return entry ticket
(worth £4.50)
- Sweets
- Promotional leaflets about the farm.

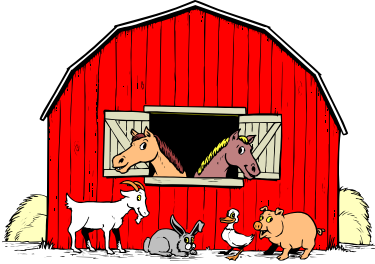
Goody Bag b!

Contains:

- 1 farm related soft toy
(worth £1.50)
- 1 farm pencil with rubber
(worth 90p)
- 1 farm note pad
(worth 75p)
- 1 Highfields Happy Hens Balloon
- Free return entry ticket
(worth £4.50)
- Sweets
- Promotional leaflets about the farm.

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Toys!

We now have a selection of great games/toys which your group can hire out for the day, there is a variety of different things which can provide hours of fun giving the opportunity to extend your visit and not having to bring games with you.

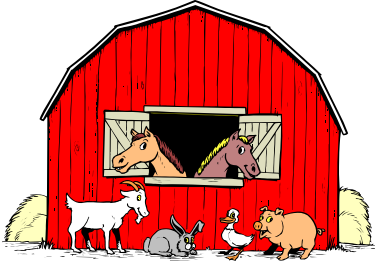
For just £10.00 you will be provided with our 'Active Pack', which contains the following:

- ❖ 1 x Rip Tag Belt
- ❖ 3 x French Skipping - Half Width
- ❖ 3 x Skipping Rope Group Jumbo (4.5m)
- ❖ 4 x Skipping Rope Individual (2.1m)
- ❖ 4 x Ankle Skip
- ❖ 4 x Lolo Ball
- ❖ 4 x Whopper Hopper Junior (52cm)
- ❖ 3 x Stompers
- ❖ Catch a cup



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Parachute!

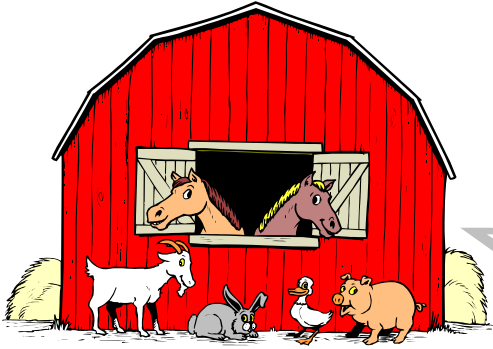
Our 3.5metre parachute is very popular with children of all ages and provides endless fun!

Your group can hire this for just £5.00, it can be used indoors or outdoors so is great as a rainy day option or as a light breeze in the hot summer.



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Booking Form!

To ensure that your trip is booked, please phone me on 01283 732083. ALSO complete this booking form and send it to me at the address below:

Beryl Hosking,
'The Paddocks',
Highfields Farm,
Heage Lane,
Etwall, Derby.
DE65 6LS.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email Address _____

Contact number (include area code): _____



Age of children: _____

Preferred date of trip: _____

Time of arrival: _____ Time of departure: _____

Estimated number of children (no less than 10): _____

Estimated number of adults: _____

Topics to be covered: _____

You will be charged £4.50 per person for the basic package, please tick the boxes below to state what you would like your trip to include, and what extra's you would like to make your trip special.

- Hay Play Area (F.O.C)
- Play Tunnel (F.O.C)
- Bouncy Castle (Weather Permitting) (F.O.C)
- Henrietta's Tractor School (F.O.C)
- Big Brain Bus (F.O.C)
- Eggs to take home (75p per child)
- Parachute (£5.00)
- Goody Bags (£3.00 per child)
- Sandwich Boxes (£3.75 per person)
- Toys (£10.00)



If the children are having the 'Goody Bags' please state how many of each you would like us to provide:

- Goody Bag a: _____
- Goody Bag b: _____

If you are planning to spend the day on the farm, and would like to use some of the other facilities, please state what you will be doing (this will help us to ensure, everything is set up for your needs):

- Henrietta's Nature Trail
 - Games in the field
 - Other (please state) _____
- _____

Please give any other information, which you feel is appropriate below: _____

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Thank you for booking your Early Year's visit with Highfields Happy Hens, we hope that you have had a great time. We always like to try and improve our facilities and feel that the best way we can do this is by getting feed back from you.

Please help us to help you, by filling in this questionnaire, and sending it back to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

1) What month did you visit Highfields Happy Hens?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March | <input type="checkbox"/> September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

2) What age were the children?_____ How many children did you bring?_____

3) Please tell us how you found the following, leading up to your visit: (please tick as appropriate)

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor
Information Pack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conformation Details	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4) Please tell us how easy/difficult you found it to make contact regarding the following: (please tick as appropriate)

	Very Easy	Reasonable	Difficult	Impossible
Booking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Queiries/Questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) What topic, if any, where you hoping to cover by visiting the farm? (please state)_____

6) Do you think that the farm helped with this?

- Yes No

7) If yes, in what ways?_____

8) What other topics do you think that the farm would be useful for?_____

9) Please tell us how you felt about the facilities below:(please tick as appropriate)

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very poor	Didn't use
Tractor ride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hay play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bouncy castle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discovery barn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buffet Meal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Function Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baby changing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand washing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Egg collecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Animal feeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10) How long did your visit to Highfields Happy Hens last?

- Less than 1 hr Half a day
 A few hours All day

11) What did YOU enjoy most about your visit? _____

12) Is there anything that YOU didn't like? _____

13) What did the children like best about the visit? _____

14) Is there anything that they didn't like? _____

15) Do you feel that there is anything that we could have done to make your trip better? _____

16) Do you feel that the following were good value for money? (please tick as appropriate)

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Didn't use
Entrance Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buffet meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shop Prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goody Bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17) Do you think that you will visit Highfields Happy Hens again?

- Yes No

18) Please feel free to add any other comments _____

Thank you very much for your time and we hope to see you again soon.