



# Catshill Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

To meet the requirements of the national curriculum, a design and technology trip has been organised to a local farm for our Year 6 pupils. The purpose of the visit is to meet the criteria 'Farm to Fork', developing pupils understanding of how a variety of foods are grown/produced and eventually prepared and eaten. There will also be strong Literacy and Maths links running alongside our visit as the pupils will be encouraged to use their skills before (in preparation for the visit), during (while taking part in the planned activities) and after the visit (reflecting on their experiences).

Bonterre Farm Enterprise, near Ombersley, is able to give our pupils hands on experience of the crops they grow, demonstrate an understanding of seasonality, and give the children an experience tasting a variety of fresh produce. During our time at the farm a variety of activities have been planned which the pupils will rotate around in set groups. At the end of our visit each child will take away with them a bag of produce which they will have either picked, planted and or made as part of our visit.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – We will be taking 6JM and half of 6MB**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – We will be taking 6JD and half of 6MB**

Transport will be via coach. We will leave school at 9.10am and return to school by 3.10pm. Pupils will be asked to sanitise their hands on the way on and off the coach. Once at the farm we will be following Bonterre's social distancing policies.

Pupils will need to wear appropriate warm clothing for a day on the farm e.g. strong older shoes, old trousers and top, jumper which they don't mind getting dirty and a **waterproof jacket**. We will be outside all day! They will also need to bring a mid-morning snack, a non-fizzy drink and a packed lunch with them. There are no options to buy food or drinks at the farm.

Keeping costs to a minimum we will need to charge **£16.50 per child**. This covers transport, tuition at the farm and ingredients to cook with in lessons. **Please note we do not accept any cash or cheque payments in school. All payments are to be made via our secure payment for schools online facility.** Details on how to use this service are on the reverse of this letter. If you have misplaced your 'payment4schools' number or new to the school, please call the school office.

I hope you value this opportunity for your child to experience learning outside the classroom and can see its importance to enable all our children to gain a good understanding of the world around them.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Marshall – Teacher of DT

## DT Farm visit reply slip

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

My child has **no allergies** or **specific food related allergies** that the school needs to be aware of.

Please specify food allergies (*if any*):

No  
allergies  
✓

I give permission for my child to attend the farm visit

I have paid **£16.50** online \_\_\_\_\_ (*payment reference number*)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

*Achievement, Challenge, Opportunity*