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4th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sutton St James C.P School recognises that the presence of animals in our school can provide a valuable learning experience, but animals cannot be allowed to endanger pupil safety or disrupt learning. For that reason, there should be a clear educational purpose for an animal to visit the school.

The school recognises that a visiting animals offers the potential for a very positive learning experience for children to learn about taking care and showing responsibility for animals. Wrens class are currently learning about farms and their topic is '**On the Farm**'.

Our caretaker, Mr Elcock, is currently looking after 3 lambs. He has kindly offered to visit school with the lambs. This is an opportunity for the children of Wrens to think about animals' needs and develop a sense of care.

A risk assessment has been carried out prior to the visit into the classroom, and the visit poses a very low risk.

However, I need to inform you of potential hazards as some animal diseases can be transmitted to humans. There is a small risk of children acquiring infections such as **Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter, Ecoli 0157 and Salmonella**. These organisms can be found in some farm animals and may be contracted by hand to mouth contact.

We will have important **health and safety rules** in place such as:

- Wash your hands using soap and running water before and after handling the animals.
- Children are not allowed to kiss animals.
- Children should not put fingers in their mouths.
- Children will not eat during the visit.
- Areas where the animals are will be thoroughly cleaned after the animals have visited.

This visit will take place on Friday 15th March. Please can you advise the school of any allergies your child may have and return the permission slip to school by **Thursday 7th March 2024**.

Thank you in advance.

Your faithfully

Mrs Bancroft-Turner

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Wrens Class Teacher

Name of child:

I **give / do not** give consent for my child to participate in the animal visit.

Information regarding allergies

Parent/Carer signature:

Date