

Welcome to the Town Park and Pets Corner Learning Centre.

Information for Early Years Foundation Stage and Primary School visits

Pets' Corner and the Town Park offer a variety of educational packages for a range of ages, linked to the national curriculum. These comprise of guided tours around the park and farm, meeting the animals and learning about the park. Activities can be delivered in the new Learning Centre Group. Visits are by appointment only.

With the appointment of an Education & Volunteer officer who works with the existing Animal Carer and Education Officer for Pets Corner, and the construction of the new Learning Centre we can now offer improved education packages for schools, backed by the production of a new Education Pack produced by Groundwork East.

Visit packages are as follows (**please note that all charges will be reviewed in March 2018**):

•Bronze : Pre school / nursery groups

40 minute visit with a maximum group of 16 nursery children. Includes a 30 minutes guided tour by one of our trained staff with petting of animals around the farm.
Cost: £22 for the group.

• Silver: Guided tour

45 minutes guided tour by one of our trained staff around the farm meeting many of our larger animal residents. Groups of over 15 children will be split to ensure that only a maximum of 15 children are on the tour at any one time. Please allow multiples of one hour per group. Note this would include use of some of the Learning Centre facilities.

Cost: Harlow schools package A: £1.95 per child

Cost: Non Harlow schools package A: £2.60 per child

Gold: Tour/ Activity

One and a half hour visit, which includes a guided tour by one of our trained staff around the farm meeting many of our larger animal residents plus classroom activities, which includes meeting some of our smaller animal residents. Please ask for further details of the many classroom activities we offer. With the Gold package you have the option to use the Learning Centre for packed lunch if required. Groups of over 15 children will be split to ensure that only a maximum of 15 children are on the tour at any one time. Please allow multiples of one hour per group booked.

Cost: Harlow schools package B: £3.85 per child

Cost: Non Harlow schools package B: £4.95 per child

- **Gold Plus: Tour/ Town Park Activity:**

One and a half hour visit, which includes splitting the group into two and doing the following activities:

- One half of the group- a guided tour by one of our trained staff around the farm meeting many of our larger animal residents plus classroom activities, which includes meeting some of our smaller animal residents. Please ask for further details of the many classroom activities we offer.
- Other half of group- a guided tour by the Education & Volunteer Officer (EVO) around the park looking at different areas depending on the subject chosen- such as pond dipping, Mini-beast hunting, etc. Please contact the EVO to discuss other activities as outlined in our Education Pack.

With Gold Plus package you have the option to use the Learning Centre classroom for packed lunch if required. Groups of over 15 children will be split to ensure that only a maximum of 15 children are on the tour at any one time. Please allow multiples of one hour per group.

Cost: Special introductory offer (until March 2018)- prices as for Gold package

Platinum:

This package allows for a full school day in the park (say from 11.00am- 2.30pm) gaining maximum advantage of the facilities of the Town Park and Pets Corner. A typical programme could include:

1st group: Activity- Pets Corner or Town Park

2nd group: Guided Tour of Pets Corner

Lunch (in Learning Centre)

2nd Group: Activity- Pets Corner or Town Park

1st group: Guided Tour of Pets Corner

List of Town Park activities

Pond dipping

Mini-beast hunt

Nature trails through the park

Tree identification

List of Pets Corner activities

Animals and us

This activity allows children to understand how important animals are to us and the relationship that has developed over the years

Meet the animals

This activity involves children meeting our smaller collection of animals and having a basic understanding through petting

Habitats

Children will learn about the different habitats that animals live in and understand animal's needs

Adaptations

Children will have an insight and learn how different animals have adapted over the years to survive as the world changes.

Comparisons

This is a fun activity comparing the differences between animals

General requirement for all visits:

- Teachers/nursery staff and helpers will be asked to accompany children on the tour and must ensure that the correct ratio for children to adults is covered by their staff.
- The Town Park and Pets Corner do not accept responsibility for any equipment left in the Learning Centre, pets Corner or on site by visiting groups
- We strongly advise that a Risk Assessment is carried out before any group visit to the Town Park and Pets Corner
- Staff leading groups are First Aid trained
 - Please complete the evaluation form after your visit as it helps us to learn & improve the service we offer to groups such as yourselves.

Please contact us if you require more information and how we can deliver a wonderful educational day out for your group.

Preparing for your visit:

This can be done in 4 easy steps:

1. Choose one of the packages above after looking at the Education Pack which can be accessed online at <http://www.harlow.gov.uk/pets-corner>
2. Contact either of the Education staff: mike.levett@harlow.gov.uk or Pauline.neate@harlow.gov.uk;
3. Discuss with either of them your possible dates for your visit and topic choices.
3. Complete our easy booking form and you're done!

Whilst on your visit why not drop into the newly refurbished Pets Corner shop which has many small gifts and mementos which your students may like to take away as a memory of their visit? We would suggest £2.00 per child.

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Booking Form

Thank you for your enquiry. Please complete the form below and return to: The Education Staff- pauline.neate@harlow.gov.uk and mike.levett@harlow.gov.uk via email.

Bookings will only be taken by completion of this form- 1 booking form per visiting group please. Emails (other than correspondence after a visit has been booked) will **not** be accepted. A pre-visit is required for **all new school visits**.

Please note earliest booking is 10.45am and latest 2pm.

Date of visit					
Name of School/ Organisation					
Organiser name					
Group Leaders name on day					
Number of pupils & helpers	Pupils		Helpers		
	Age/ Year Group	Arrival Time		Leaving Time	
Special requirements					
Additional information e.g. allergies					
Contact email					
Address of school					
Chosen activity					
Package required (please tick)	Bronze		Gold		Platinum
	Silver		Gold Plus		

I confirm that the above details are correct and I understand that I will be responsible for the coordination and behaviour of the pupils at all times throughout the visit.

Signed		PRINT NAME	
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Office use only:

Date received:

New school- Pre-visit booked for:.....at.....a.m./p.m.

Total cost of visit.....Payment received.....

