

Early Years and Primary School Visits



Set on a beautiful green space, covering over 160 acres, you will find Harlow's Green Flag awarded Town Park, home to a family friendly farm known as Pets Corner, both of which provide an excellent opportunity for unique educational visits, suiting children of all ages and abilities. A range of packages are on offer, which can be linked to the national curriculum or personalised to suit specific requirements.

For those short of time, guided tours with our knowledgeable members of staff and volunteers will provide children with the chance take in the wonderful sights and sounds of the farm or park. During Farm tours, some children may even get the chance to interact with a few of our animals. If a little more time is available, there are many activities on offer, allowing the children to participate in practical learning.

Facilities include a learning centre allowing space for indoor activities, particularly useful in bad weather and providing an area to have lunch if needed. Full W/C facilities and hand washing are available. Whilst we are happy to take larger groups of students, please understand that the learning centre's capacity for school visits is recommended not to exceed 15 to 18 students for each activity, so larger groups would then be split into smaller more manageable groups of approximately 15 and rotate activities. This will ensure all students get the best experience from their visit in comfortable surroundings, though the capacity can increase to accommodate for breaks.

All visits are by appointment only and must be arranged at least 3 weeks in advance.

The Farm and Park are open to school visits Monday, Tuesday and Fridays,
between the times of 10.45am and 3pm.

Please read through the educational visit pack and ensure the visit requirements are read and understood before booking.

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Packages Available				
Package	Age Group	What's included	Activity details	Costs
Bronze	Pre-School and Nursery Groups	Guided Tour	<p>Maximum 15 children per group.</p> <p>30-minute tour around Pets' Corner meeting some of the residents.</p>	<p>Harlow School: £28.00 per group of 15.</p> <p>Non-Harlow School: £28.00 per group of 15</p>
Silver	Year 1 - 6	Guided Tour	<p>Maximum 15 children per group.</p> <p>45-minute tour of Pets' Corner meeting some of the residents.</p> <p>We can link this in with topics covered at school if required.</p>	<p>Harlow School: £2.20 per child</p> <p>Non-Harlow School: £3.25 per child</p>
Gold	Year 1 - 6	Guided Tour with choice of one activity	<p>Recommended 15 children maximum per group.</p> <p>45-minute guided tour</p> <p>45-minute activity chosen from the list below.</p>	<p>Harlow School: £4.35 per child</p> <p>Non-Harlow School: £5.40 per child</p>
Platinum	Year 3 - 6	Guided Tour with choice of two activities	<p>45-minute guided tour</p> <p>2 x 45-minute activities chosen from the lists below.</p>	<p>Harlow School: £5.50 per child</p> <p>Non-Harlow School: £7.00 per child</p>

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List of Pets Corner Activities

1. Animal Meet and Greet
2. Animals and Us
3. Comparing habitats and animal needs
4. Animal adaptations and survival
5. Basic animal anatomy and comparisons
6. Animal Feeding habits
7. Story time
8. Animals and Maths

Please ask us if you would like any further details about the above activities or if you have a topic that you would like to be covered whilst on your visit.

List of Town Park Activities

1. Pond Dipping
2. Mini beast hunt
3. Nature Trail
4. Tree Trail
5. Story time
6. Plant lifecycle
7. Nature collages

Please ask us if you would like any further details about the above activities or if you have a topic that you would like to be covered whilst on your visit.

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General Visit Requirements:

Teachers/nursery staff and helpers will be asked to accompany children throughout 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 and bring with them a First Aid kit.

Staff are aware of any allergies the children may have, in particular allergies to food, animal fur, hay or pollen.

We can make adjustments for those children that require additional support, but please ensure this is discussed with our staff in advance, so we have chance to adapt where necessary.

Please complete the evaluation form after your visit, as it helps us to learn & improve the service we offer, to groups such as yourselves.

Contact us if you require more information on 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. Read through the education pack and choose one of the packages above
2. Contact karen.hughes@harlow.gov.uk or call 07523 942286
Stacey.clarke@harlow.gov.uk or call 07849 701030
3. Discuss with either of them your possible dates for your visit and topic choices.
4. Complete our easy booking form, attached, and you're done!

Payment:

We will invoice you after your visit for the correct number of students that attended on the day. This can be settled in various ways, though the preferred method is via bank transfer.

What to bring with you:

Pets' Corner has access to first aid kits on the premises, but we advise schools to bring their own for any visits.

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We recommend all children wear suitable clothing and footwear for the visit and understand that much of the visit is outdoors.

Please ensure that children have refreshments available for the duration of the visit, though water is available in the learning centre.

Pocket money, if you wish for the children to visit the gift shop or to make a donation.

Parking:

Drop off:- Coaches are welcome to drop off children at the bottom of the lane off Edinburgh way and walk up to Pets' Corner.

Minibuses are able to drop off outside Pets' Corner or in the small car park adjacent to the café, though this is not suitable for coaches.

Coach parking:- Please use the Greyhound pub car park off School lane CM20 2QD.

Minibus parking:- It may be possible for a minibus to park outside the side gate of Pets' Corner, room permitting, failing this, please use alternative parking at the Greyhound Pub Car par School Lane CM20 2QD

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