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Wednesday 10th January 2018

Dear Parents,

This is to confirm that your son/daughter has been allocated a place on the Whirlow Hall Farm visit. Your child will stay at the farm between:

Wednesday 31st January-Friday 2nd February 2018

Accommodation is for one group of 12 children to stay for 2 nights in the Barn accommodation Building at Whirlow Hall Farm.

For further information and questions there is a meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 2.30pm or 5.00pm in Burnaby Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday - Children arrive for school at the normal time. They will leave for Whirlow around 11am and travel to the farm by minibus.

Friday - Children will return to school around **11.00** and **need** to be collected at this time.

STAFFING at various times during the visit:

Jason Drew, Beth Goldsmith, Hamish Malcolm, Ann Chetcuti, Val Sian, Chris Wallis and other staff.

The children will always be well supervised by Walkley staff during the visit.

Whirlow staff will be involved in aspects of the visit and their advice on safety matters will be followed at all times. Statutory risk assessments have been carried out in conjunction with the staff at Whirlow Farm.

MEDICINES

All medicines **must** be given to a member of staff for safekeeping. They must be clearly labelled with your child's name, dosage and times and any other relevant information.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Although there will be no opportunities for children to phone home, you will receive regular text messages from school updating you on your child's time at Whirlow. If there is any

reason to contact you it will be a member of staff who phones. We can assure you that we will contact you if there are any problems. Children are **not permitted** to bring a mobile phone.

PACKED LUNCH

Please provide a packed lunch on the first day of your child's visit - if possible in a **small** lunchbox so that this can be used on other days. A small rucksack or shoulder bag could also be useful if we take a packed lunch on a walk - don't worry if you don't have one - children can share or the staff will have bags.

VALUABLES AND SPENDING MONEY

Please keep valuables to a minimum. There will be very few opportunities to spend any money so if your child is bringing money, please limit this to a maximum of £5.

ACTIVITIES AT THE FARM

Children will be involved in feeding and caring for the animals; also walks and activities around the immediate area of the farm. They will spend quite a lot of time outside so please send warm, waterproof clothing - new clothes are not ideal as they may get very muddy!

PHOTOGRAPHS

Our sponsors may like to visit us during our visit to see at first-hand how much the children benefit from a visit to Whirlow. This visit may entail simply meeting the children, but there may be opportunities for our sponsors to take photographs as part of the agreement with Walkley and Whirlow Hall Farm.

Yours Faithfully
Walkley Staff