

25 September 2025

Dear families

I am writing about an exciting opportunity that we are offering to your child.

We have been liaising with a local provision called The Garden Army who are in West Hoathly. This is a small farm that was set up by Tom Morpew to provide horticultural therapy to students in the area.

We are looking to take xxxxxx to the farm one day a week, on a Wednesday, where the staff there will show them the running of the farm and provide jobs to fill their day. This will include caring for the animals or tending the vegetable plots. We will drop them to the farm in the morning, they will be there for their lunchtime (please provide a packed lunch and drink) and we will bring them back to school at the end of the day ready for them to leave with the rest of the school.

As they will be spending their day outside they will need to be dressed accordingly and they will not be required to wear school uniform on that day. We would advise warm clothing as the weather becomes cooler and a waterproof coat/jacket is a must. We strongly advise wellington boots as it gets wetter but the first session tomorrow should be ok with just trainers.

We are planning to start this from tomorrow, Wednesday 24 September 2025. Students should arrive at school dressed in their own clothes and go straight to T01 where they will be registered for the day. We will transport them to the farm in a school minibus and then we will collect them at 2:30pm so that they are here ready to leave at the normal time.

We are really excited about this provision and have spoken to each of the students going (a small group of just 3 currently) who are also really looking forward to taking part.

We look forward to starting this tomorrow but please contact me if you have any questions or queries. Please can you complete the google form [here](#) in order to confirm permission for your child to attend.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#). **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Yours sincerely

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