

Farmer Time Safeguarding Code of Conduct

At Village farm we are committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of every young person that we work with. We also ensure that the adults we work with are briefed in the correct behaviour expectations when working with children and young adults.

When participating in Farmer Time, we ask schools to follow their own safeguarding procedures. As farmers are only virtually present when participating in the Farmer Time initiative, there is no legal requirement for them to be DBS checked. However, please find below our Safeguarding Code of Conduct which all participants in Farmer Time must follow to participate.

- Pupils should never be left alone during a Farmer Time session; an adult member of staff must be present at all times and fully involved in the activity for the call to take place.
- Pupils should never take part in an individual video call with a Farmer.
- Farmer Time should always take place within school hours (including after school clubs) and on the school site with a member of school staff present.
- Farmer Time calls in school should always be carried out on registered school devices.
- Children should be reminded about not sharing personal information during the calls.
- Full names of the children should not be used during the call.
- Acceptable language will always be used by all participants.
- No communication with any participating children outside of the Farmer Time session, including social media.
- Any recording of conversations or photographs by the school should be stored securely using the school's procedure for storing information.
- Farmers and teachers are not permitted to take or store photographs, screen shots or video recordings of any children taking part in the Farmer Time session on any personal devices (phones, tablets, laptops etc.) unless prior permission has been granted by parents / guardians and the school.
- Farmers and teachers are not permitted to share photographs, screen shots or video recordings of any children taking part in the Farmer Time session on social media or with anyone else, unless prior permission has been granted by parents / guardians and the school.
- Farmers and teachers are not permitted to discuss any specific participants (farmer, teacher, school children) involved in Farmer Time on social media.
- General, non-specific social media posts are encouraged, but only if permission has been approved from both school and farmer.
- We hope that you find this information helpful and follow this code of conduct to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the young people that we work with.