



Getting here

Ash End House Children's Farm

Middleton Lane

Middleton

Nr. Tamworth

Staffs, B78 2BL

We are just south of the village of Middleton although we do not recommend you travel through the village itself. The easiest access is from the A4091, the main road running from The Belfry to Tamworth. *Please don't approach us from the A446 – the lane is too narrow for coaches from that direction.*

From the A4091, look out for signs directing you along Park Lane which runs into Middleton Lane. The farm is about one mile from the main road.

Coaches must approach via the A4091 and are by appointment only. All coaches must stay on the property for the duration of the visit.

Pre-Visit

Several teachers/leaders are welcome to visit the farm before your trip, free of charge. Bring your school/group letterhead or our confirmation letter with you as identification – no need to book.

We have a Risk Assessment you can take away, or ask us to email it to you.



When to arrive

On a busy day it is important that you arrive on time. *If you have a 10.00/10.30* booking with a tour before lunch, we recommend arrival 20 minutes before your tour begins. *If you have a tour starting at 12.00*, arrive at approximately 10.30/10.45 for a short play before you eat. Please do not arrive too early. Although we have two "holding" play areas, these may be shared with other groups – we cannot guarantee exclusivity or dry weather! **Unfortunately, we cannot allow you onto the main farm area unsupervised before your start time.**

On arrival

Leave the children on the coach and send the organiser/leader to report to the Farm Reception (or you may be met). We need to know your exact numbers at this point - both the adult and child count.

Lunch arrangements

- Groups with **10.00 or 10.30 bookings** will go straight onto the farm in their bubbles. Leave lunch boxes on the coach: these can be picked up **after** your tour, before you go to your allocated picnic barn.
- Groups with **12.00 tours** usually have a short play and eat first. You will be directed to your picnic barn and your guide will then meet you there at the start of your tour time. Remember to leave time to pop your empty lunchboxes back to the coach.

Before your “walkabout”, a guide will give a quick Health and Safety talk, emphasising handwashing. This will either be aboard the coach, or shortly before your tour starts.

Your time on the farm

Following our one-way system, you will visit the goats and then our temporary hatchery/egg barn (our main one is being rebuilt in the Autumn). This will be followed by the farm allotment, Creepy Critters, Birds of Prey and Paddock Walk (weather permitting). You will finish by coming back up the farm past the piggery, the Shire Horse centre, cow pen, sheep building and duck pens. We have designed the route to ensure you get all the best of the farm during your time with us. Along the way, our staff will be on hand at key points to greet you and answer children’s questions.