

Dell Farm

Education Centre

2 nights between
5th – 9th November



Dell Farm

Is an inspirational education centre for learning outside the classroom situated opposite Whipsnade Wild Animal Park. Set in 23 acres of land, including two acres of farmland with child-friendly farm animals, Dell Farm offers residential stays.

The centre is staffed by Active Education's highly experienced and knowledgeable instructors who are all passionate about what they do. All instructors hold an enhanced DBS.

Dell Farm is the perfect venue to spark curiosity, create interest and develop character building traits. Staff strive to promote environmental appreciation, health and wellbeing, social and emotional awareness through participation in a range of exciting and challenging activities, in what can be unfamiliar environments for our groups. We nurture personal qualities such as self confidence, initiative, teamwork and perseverance, encouraging children to gain a lifelong awareness and appreciation of the benefits of being active in the outdoors.

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Activities

Children start their adventure with an inclusive trip to Whipsnade Zoo. While at Dell Farm the trained and qualified staff will encourage your child to take part in a range of activities such as;

- Caving
- Bouldering
- Shelter building
- Orienteering
- Feeding and grooming
- Habitat hunts
- Climbing
- Camp fire building
- Children complete a personal diary about their trip during their stay.



All the activities conducted at Dell Farm link directly to the National Curriculum. For example:

- To read basic symbols on an orienteering map and start to create his/her own appropriate symbols.
- To follow the instructions of others when working within a team.
- To recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Food

At Dell Farm all the food is home made on site by the cook.

They cater for all medical and dietary requirements **providing the form is completed well in advance.**

Typical homemade meals provided include;

- Pizza
- Lasagne
- Sausage, mash and peas
- Fish fingers

All with vegetables, salads and a pudding.

Breakfasts are a buffet of cereal, toast, yogurts, fruit.

Evening snacks are provided too!



Sleeping

Dell Farm recently installed brand new bunk beds and all the rooms were renovated.

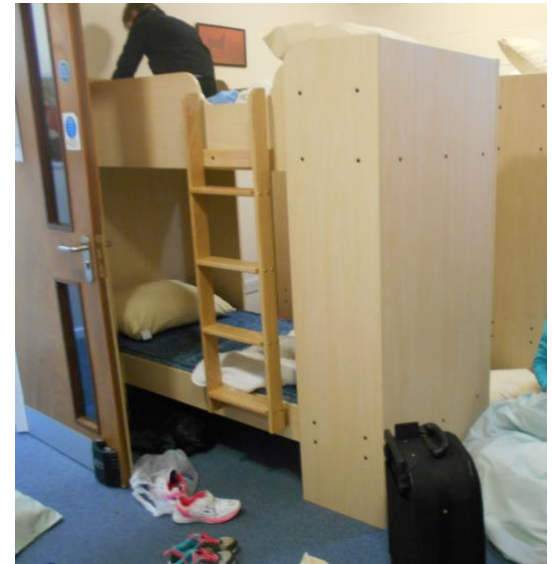
There are 3 rooms downstairs sleeping 6-8 children per room.

Upstairs there is one large room.

Children are responsible for making their own bed when they arrive (after a demonstration!), looking after their own belongings and keeping their room tidy!

Points are awarded for various things relating to their room and the winning room gets a prize at the end of their stay.

Class teachers stay over both nights and we ensure we have a male and female member of teaching staff on site at all times. A member of Dell Farm staff lives on the farm site.



Children are woken up at approx 7 – 7:30am.

Children get ready for bed at approx 9pm and lights out is at 9:30pm.

Timetable

Dell Farm is a busy few days!

Ardley Hill Academy Timetable for Dell Farm 2017



	7am	8am	8:45am	9am	10am	12:45	13:30	14:00	17:00	18:15	20:15	21:00	21:30
Wednesday 1st February					Children and staff meet at Dell Farm Visit zoo	Zoo visit		Return to Dell Farm. Welcome to Dell Farm and meet the animals.	Dinner	Night orienteering Campfire	Hot chocolate and snack	Ready for bed	Lights out
Thursday 2nd February	Wake up/wash dress	Breakfast	Tidy dormitory	Feed and groom the animals	Group A-Caving and bouldering Group B-Nice for mice habitat walk	Lunch	Supervised free time	Group A-Caving and bouldering Group B-Nice for mice habitat walk	Dinner	Egg challenge Movie night in the 'common room'	Hot chocolate and snack	Ready for bed	Lights out
Friday 3rd February	Wake up/wash dress	Breakfast	Tidy dormitory	Feed and groom the animals	Survival team challenge Whole group	Lunch	Supervised free time	2pm - Walk back to <u>Ardley Hill</u> for 3:30pm.					



Kit List

The list is sent out from Dell Farm but we always reinforce that clothes do get very muddy, especially in November!

Wellies are essential!!

Please ensure your child packs their bag with you so they know what belongs to them.

Please **NAME EVERYTHING!**

Lots of things with no name on and can't be returned.

No electrical items need be taken to Dell Farm.

Clothing

The amount will depend on whether attending full or half week

A warm waterproof coat – Essential

Wellington Boots – Essential and in a plastic bag

Plimsolls or Trainers for indoor use and certain activities

Old Trainers for outdoor use

Hat, scarf and gloves/sunhat for warmer weather

Trousers – tracksuit type bottoms – not jeans (bring a spare pair)

Underwear and socks (lots)

Jumper or Fleece

T-shirts or polo shirts

Pyjamas/nightie/slippers

October to March – bring extra warm layers!



Important Information

- The trip is planned for Monday 5th November - Friday 9th November 2018. **Each class will go separately** for 2 nights. Either Monday – Wednesday or Wednesday – Friday.
- Your child **cannot** leave Dell Farm to attend weekly clubs such as Brownies etc during their stay.
- You will be required to take your child to Dell Farm for **10am**. We cannot under any circumstances take your child. Part of the experience of Dell Farm is the nature walk back to school on the final day. Their luggage is taken back for us but this helps to keep the cost down for yourselves.
- Your child needs to be responsible for their own belongings and only take what is needed not precious items.
- Medicines that are in school will be taken to Dell Farm by school staff. Any additional/night time medicines need to be labelled and given to staff on arrival at Dell Farm.
- All Medical and dietary forms **MUST** be returned on time or a penalty charge is incurred from Dell Farm. These will be sent out in July once deposits have paid on Tucasi.
- We will keep you updated throughout the visit via your child's class Twitter page so ensure to join their new class page in September!

Where do I sign up?

The total cost of the trip this year is £112.50.

To reserve a place on the trip we require a £20 deposit paid via Tucasi by Friday 29th June 2018.

All payments will be made through Tucasi to enable you to spread out the cost. Please see below the payment instalment deadlines,

	Deadline	Payment Instalment
Initial deposit to reserve a place	Friday 29 th June 2018	£20
Payment 1	Monday 16 th July 2018	£31
Payment 2	Monday 10 th September 2018	£31
Payment 3	Monday 1 st October 2018	£30.50

The total cost of £112.50 must be paid in full by Friday 5th October 2018

Any questions?

