



*'Spurring each other on with love'*

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Year Two – Maristow Estate Farm – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

As part of our forthcoming Geography topic 'Why does it matter where our food comes from?', we will be studying dairy farms and learning about how they operate and why there are so many of them in Devon. To help the children to experience real dairy farming we will be visiting a working dairy farm in our local area. The children will see the milking shed, the pasture, newborn calves, the cows being milked and have the process of dairy farming explained to them by the farmer.

Children will need to wear wellies or strong walking boots and must have a warm coat for this trip. We will send more details about clothing and footwear nearer the time. All children will be provided with a packed lunch by the school (please indicate the sandwich choice in the link below).

The cost of this visit is **£4.80** per child. The full cost is divided equally by the number of children in the year group. Charges for this very valuable educational visit are made in accordance with our Charging Policy (available to view on our school website, [www.bickleighdown.co.uk](http://www.bickleighdown.co.uk)).

Please fill in the form below (payment can be made via the schoolgateway app or online via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)) as soon as possible or by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the very latest. We need adult helpers; if you would like to join us, please indicate this on permissions form (you must complete a DBS check via the school therefore an early response would be appreciated so that arrangements can be made. Thank you).

**[Year 2 Maristow Farm trip 12.03.26 – Fill out form](#)**

As we require a high ratio of adults to children for this trip, not all parent helpers will be able to travel on the coach. If you are offering to help, please indicate whether you would be able to drive yourself, and possibly other parent helpers, to the farm. It is only a 15 minute drive.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Harding  
**Classteachers**

Mrs R Wall

**Privacy Notice – School Trip**

**The information you provide will be used for the purposes of booking this trip. Relevant information about your child (such as medical or dietary information), may be shared with the company/organisers of the trip, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. This may also include your contact details, in the event of an emergency. For more information about how we handle personal information and your rights, visit our website at [www.bickleighdown.co.uk](http://www.bickleighdown.co.uk).**



## Parent Volunteer Protocol for School Visits

### 1. Purpose

To outline the expectations, responsibilities, and procedures for parent volunteers participating in school visits, ensuring a safe and productive environment for all.

### 2. Eligibility

- All volunteers must be **approved by the school** prior to participation.
- Volunteers must complete a **DBS check** unless they will be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.
- Volunteers should arrive punctually so that they can be briefed on any relevant information before the visit.

### 3. Arrival & Risk Assessment

- Upon arrival, volunteers must **sign in at the school office** and wear a **visitor badge** at all times whilst on school site.
- A copy of the **risk assessment** will be shared with you. This may include confidential information, so we kindly ask that it is **not shared** and is **returned to school at the end of the day**.

### 4. Safeguarding & Supervision

- As part of our safeguarding procedures, **parent helpers will not be placed in the same group as their own child**, unless supporting on a 1:1 basis. Please speak with your child beforehand so they know what to expect. The rationale for having parent helpers is to ensure we have appropriate adult supervision for the safety and well-being of all children, and to support staff in delivering a well-organised and enriching experience for the class or year group.
- **If a child needs to use the toilet:**
  - Please **check that no other adults are inside** before allowing them to enter.
  - If you need to accompany a child, **ensure another adult is present**.
- Volunteers must not be left alone with pupils or administer first aid unless trained and authorised.
- Any concerns about a child's welfare must be reported **immediately** to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). If the DSL is not on the visit, concerns should be reported to the visit leader.  
**The school DSLs are Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Conday and Mr Harding.**

### 5. Code of Conduct

Volunteers are expected to:

- Maintain **confidentiality** regarding pupils and school matters.
- Follow the **instructions of the class teacher or visit leader**.
- Use **positive language and behaviour** at all times.
- Avoid using mobile phones during activities, unless in an emergency.
- Dress appropriately for a school setting.

### 6. Roles & Responsibilities

Volunteers may be asked to:

- Support small groups or individual pupils.
- Assist with supervision during trips or events.
- Help with classroom activities or resources.

Volunteers **must not**:

- Take photographs unless explicitly permitted.
- Engage in private conversations with pupils about personal matters.

### 7. Health & Safety

- Volunteers should be familiar with **emergency procedures** (e.g., fire evacuation).
- Any accidents or incidents must be reported to a staff member immediately.

### 8. Feedback & Evaluation

- Volunteers are encouraged to provide feedback after visits.
- Staff may also provide feedback to support volunteer development.

