



FaceTime/Skype a Farmer

#FarmingFriday

We have an exciting opportunity to bring the world of farming, food and the environment directly in to your classrooms. The charity that we work for is LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) which has recently merged with FACE (Farming and Countryside Education). The merger has meant that the overall charity of LEAF can now continue to lead the way in educating young people and the wider public regarding the agricultural industry as a whole.

Having had a number of schools involved in a pilot scheme in the East of England we would now like to extend the invite to your school.

Ultimately, we have farmers working in the modern, high-tech agricultural industry who are eager to engage with young people. Ideally, we would like to facilitate either a FaceTime or Skype call between your classrooms and a farmer (either locally or from another part of the UK or a variety).

The idea would be for a designated teacher to email the farmer a week before the call to either:
Give the farmer questions to answer from your students

- Or -

Areas of the National Curriculum / Exam Specifications you are currently covering that might relate to food, farming or the environment.

The farmer will then be able to talk to your class over Skype or FaceTime, from a location on his farm – either in the field, the barn, tractor, harvester etc and talk to your students.

For example, farmers are able to talk about soil, animal welfare, seasons, the farm as a business etc

Ideally this is best suited to a registration/tutor time once per week / two weeks / monthly to last between 10-20minutes. But ultimately the benefit of this is flexibility.

The farmers will all be current working farmers who have a passion for talking about what they do and engaging with young people ... perhaps even inspiring a future generation in to the agricultural industry? Many of our farmers will have experience of hosting and running school visits.

Currently we are looking for the names of schools and contact details of those schools who would be interested and have the capability to Skype or FaceTime a farmer.

If you are interested, please send in the following details to: janet@face-online.org.uk

Name and Address of School:

Age Range:

Teacher Contact Name:

Teacher Contact Email:

Best time for your call to take place:

We would be looking to start this initiative in the Spring Term, once we have the details of the schools who are interested we can then pair up the farmers with the schools to start an engaging conversation between schools and farmers.

In the meantime, if you would like any further information please feel free to contact your Regional Education Consultant:

<https://www.face-online.org.uk/regional-education-consultants>



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About LEAF



LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) is the leading organisation delivering more sustainable food and farming. LEAF works with farmers, the food industry, scientists and consumers to inspire and enable sustainable farming that is prosperous, enriches the environment and engages local communities. We are leading a collaborative approach within the industry for better education and public engagement in farming, food and the countryside among the public, children and young people. www.leafuk.org

About FACE



FACE (Farming and Countryside Education) is the leading educational charity working with schools to help children and young people understand the connection between farming and their daily lives. FACE creates high quality educational experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, that change perspectives and deepen understanding of the food we eat, the people who produce it and the choices we all make as citizens. www.face-online.org.uk

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