

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 8 Educational Trip to Jimmy's Farm, Wherstead, Ipswich – Monday 30th June / Tuesday 1st July 2025

We are very excited to offer the opportunity of a trip to Jimmy's Farm on either **Monday 30th June** or **Tuesday 1st July**. The day will enhance students' understanding of biomes, small-scale ecosystems and environmental change and is aimed particularly at students considering choosing geography at GCSE in the future. Unfortunately, there will be a limited number of places available and so places will be randomly selected and Parents/Carers will be notified whether their child has been successful via email.

Students will arrive at school and **attend registration as usual** in their tutor groups. Following registration, students will line up outside of the **Sports Hall** with their Geography teacher by 9:00am. Students will then walk with their teacher to the coaches on **Brinkley Grove Road**.

The coaches will **leave school at 9:15am** and will **return at approximately 3:30pm**. Students do not have to wear school uniform but will need to pack suitable outer clothing for rain or sun (depending on the weather forecast), they also need to wear suitable footwear for walking around the farm. Students will need to bring pens to complete an activity booklet. Mobile phones can be brought at student's own risk but should be switched off and kept in the bottom of their bag. However, there will be opportunities at appropriate times to take photos of different parts of the farm.

Students will be in supervised groups during the day and will attend a session delivered by the farm called 'Adaptation', on a rotational basis. This session will specifically cover different animal adaptations for various environments and habitats.

The trip will also involve investigating different areas of the farm, including 'Lost Lands of the Tundra', and students will complete an activity booklet as they walk around in their groups.

There will be areas outside to eat lunch so students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of drinks. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take with them. If students wish to buy something, there will be the opportunity to do this too.

The cost of the trip is **£22.00**. **Please provide your consent and further medical details by Friday 2nd May** by clicking [here](#). Once we have confirmed your child's place and the day they will attend, the trip will be activated on ParentPay and payment should be made by **Friday 9th May**.

Yours faithfully

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