



Tapnell Farm Education Strategy

TFP Education objectives;

- The aim of our education policy is to ensure that visitors learn through interaction.
- We aim to provide a unique experience for each visitor who will be given the opportunity to feed, touch and interact with as many of our livestock as possible.

1. Clear and fun information boards are positioned throughout the Farm Park for visitors to read and learn about all the livestock on site.

2. Interactive activities are provided and presented by Keepers throughout the day. These give visitors the opportunity to meet, interact with and learn about various types of Animal here at the Farm Park (please see attached document).

All activities are supervised at all times by one of our experienced Keepers and are set for a maximum period of 15 minutes to reduce the stress of the animals involved.

3. School parties and educational groups- TFP welcomes school parties and other educational groups to use our facilities to encourage all age groups to learn through interactive, fun and hands on activities and presentations.

Both education destination and IOW experience bring school parties usually from the mainland and local schools book independently.

Teachers are given the option to download an educational resource pack or be given an additional talk about the history of the Farm Park. Our experienced and knowledgeable keepers are always on standby to answer any questions or provide an additional activity if the pupils are learning about a particular animal that we have here at the Farm Park.

4. Birthday Parties- Birthday parties have become increasingly popular here at the Farm Park. As a result, we have added the option to have a private meet and greet session with either our Rabbits and Guinea Pigs or our Bugs and Beasties.

5. Weekend events- Throughout the year TFP organise a variety of weekend events, which have proven to be very popular. For example, October 2019 we held a 'Wild Woodland Weekend' where a variety of non-profit organisations (The Bat hospital, Save The Hedgehog Trust) were invited to come along to educate and talk to our visitors about the important work they do.

6. Effectiveness of education- An i-pad provided for visitors to write their comments on which is then presented to Supervisors in order to make amendments and improvements if necessary. Trip Advisor and Face book also provide an effective feedback and communication tool.

Future Plans for education at Tapnell Farm Park

- **Conservation/ education garden-** We hope in the coming year to create a 'Conservation garden adjacent to the Wallaby Walkabout. This will provide a 'quiet' area for visitors to



learn and enjoy some of our native flora and fauna. Included in this area will be a pond where school parties and other groups will be able to enjoy activities such as pond dipping.