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## **Update from the farm**

Newsletters will now be sent every half term. Each Newsletter will have a link to the website which has documents regularly asked for. If there is something you need from the farm that is not there please let us know so we can make sure you have everything you need. We hope that this is an effective way of keeping you all informed of changes and up to date with the service your students are accessing.

We do try to ensure that all relevant staff in your setting are kept up to date. If there is someone else that needs to be sent this information please let us know their email address.

## **New members of staff**

We have two new members of staff starting with us shortly, Paul Bloomfield an Occupational Therapist who has previously volunteered with us and a new Occupational Therapy Assistant, Savanna Edwards.

## **Occupational Therapy Assessments**

We now offer occupational therapy assessments in a non clinical environment.

Assessments are carried out from non standardised clinical observations made as the individual participates in farm activities.

Performance will be observed in the following areas, as indicated from home & education provider questionnaires and may include:

- fine motor skills
- gross motor skills
- independence skills
- sensory processing (using the (SPM 2) Sensory Processing Measure 2)
- attention
- behaviour
- social participation

Your assessment will include:

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- Home and education provider questionnaires
- One to one assessment over 6 one hour farm therapy sessions
- Occupational therapy report and recommendations

The report will provide any overview of the young person's performance and areas of difficulty identified.

If further assessment is indicated such as formal or standardised assessments this will be recommended in the report. Advice and strategies will also be included.

If further Occupational Therapy Farm sessions are recommended the individual will be added to the Therapy Farm waiting list. The cost for this service is £845.00.

### **Fee Review**

Our annual fee review is due shortly. Any fee increase will be implemented from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **School Staff Farm Visits**

If you would like to make a visit to the farm for safeguarding purposes, please make an appointment for either the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January or 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Clothing reminder**

Please ensure that any pupils attending sessions at the farm come appropriately dressed for the weather. A waterproof jacket and wellington boots are advised at this time of year.

### **Documents**

The following documents are available on our website: [www.dedhamtherapyfarm.org](http://www.dedhamtherapyfarm.org) in the Documents tab.

- Staff DBS log
- Risk Assessment Policy
- Safeguarding

- Letter of Assurance
  - Insurance Policy
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## 2024 Timetable

Our timetable for this year is now available to view on our website.

## Staff contact details

### Directors

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Savanna Edwards - TBC

### Animal Care

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