



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Working with animals on work experience

Work Experience is normally a very safe experience and school, students and employers strives to ensure that it remains so.

However by far the most accidents reported to us occur when the work placement is with animals (particularly horses).

I would be grateful if you would ensure that your child is fully aware of the unpredictable nature of some animals and that any instructions regarding permitted or un-permitted tasks or restricted locations within the work site are strictly observed.

Points to note which you should discuss with your child include:

- Familiarity with a particular animal does not mean it will continue to be safe working with that animal.
- Previously working with animals outside of school does not necessarily mean that the likelihood of an accident is reduced.
- Do not work alone with an animal unless specific instructions have been given to do so.
- Learn how to get immediate help if there is a problem.
- Working in confined spaces is particularly hazardous – within a kennel, stable, cage etc.
- Listen and learn from the briefings given at school regarding health and safety.
- Be familiar with the details (tasks, dress code, risks) on the job description prior to the placement.
- Ensure that you are given an induction on arrival at the workplace which includes health and safety.

Please help us to ensure your child has a safe and worthwhile experience of work.

Yours faithfully

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