

# Feeding the animals at North Hayne Farm



## Social Story

COVID-19 - Safe Stay Update

When I go on my holiday there will be farm animals I can feed and care for.

There are small animals like rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens ...



and there are large animals like pigs and goats and sheep...



I will be able to help feed all of the animals every morning and every teatime.

If I want to just watch though, that is ok.



Because of the Coronavirus I must be careful not to get too close to others.

To help me keep my distance there will be a new fun queuing area and one way system.

When I am ready to come down for feeding in the morning I will wait with my family and one other family in the queue (not getting too close) until I'm asked to start feeding. I must try and be patient. This might be hard.

There will be a new feed pen, just like the sheep have, where I can collect the food for the animals.

Someone will be there to help me.

The rabbits and guinea pigs food will be in a blue bucket. I will feed them first.



I will remember to be gentle and quiet with the small animals. They will like it if I am calm.



I might like to stroke them and feel their soft fur.

This is ok.

I may be asked to slow down or speed up to give others space.

Next I will feed the hens.



They like corn and bread. Sometimes I might be allowed to give them a treat like cooked pasta. I must ask the farmer first though.

I might find an egg that the hens have laid.



Afterwards I will collect some food in a large black pan for the sheep and the Alpacas. A grown up will collect some goat food ready for me to use later.



Sheep can sometimes be loud when they are hungry.

I may not like the noise. I may want to wear ear defenders. That is ok.



It is ok for me to be scared but they will not hurt me. They will be quiet when they eat their food.



After the sheep I can walk with a grown up past the donkey stables and down behind the chicken area. This is a new route but very exciting. There is a door I can go through that's between the Goats and the Pigs which will bring me back out in to the courtyard.

The animals will like it if I walk nicely and if I do not shout or run around.

I can then feed oats to the goats ! They are very friendly. I might like to stroke them.



I can put my empty pan in the cleaning bin by the goat pen.





Next, I will walk across to the pigs. I will take 2 potatoes from a bucket. I will throw them into their pen so the pigs can find them. They like this game.

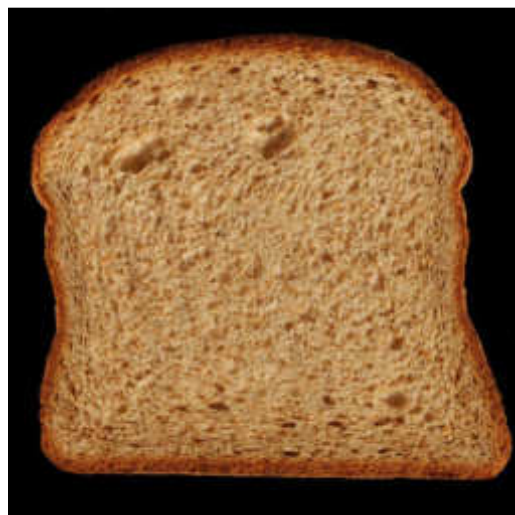
It might make me laugh.



The last animals that I can feed will be the ducks on the pond.



They will need some bread. I can get the bread from the bread bucket by the Pigs. I will take one piece for me.



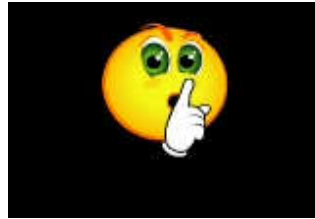
I can then wash my hands and get a clean hands sticker.



Every other morning I will also be able to have a donkey ride if I want to. A grown up will tell me if it's my turn to have a ride.



I will need to wear a hat to stay safe. I will try to be quiet near the donkeys so they do not get frightened.



There might be other children waiting for a donkey ride. I might find it hard to wait for my turn.

If I find this too hard then a grown up can ask the farmer if it would be ok to go first. This is ok.

If I don't want to ride, or am too big, I can watch or just lead the Donkey instead. This is fine.



I might be allowed to give the Donkeys a carrot if I want to but I must ask the farmer first.



When I've finished my Donkey ride I must put my riding hat in the special bin to be cleaned.

I will then walk down the path behind the Chickens like I did during feeding time and wash my hands again.

I will already have a clean hands sticker so I will not need another. I will leave the farm using the new exit path.

Each tea time we will feed the animals again. A grown up will tell me when it's my turn to go to the farm. I will wait in the queue just like I did in the morning.

After all of the animals have been fed I can check with a grown up in case it is my turn to take part in the 'Activity of the Day'.

I might be able to help groom the goats...



Or it might be stroking the guinea pigs or rabbits...

Because we must be careful and not get too close to others, the farmer might have to wear a face mask. That's ok because it's to keep us all safe.

It's ok if I don't like it.





I can check to see what the activity will be. There will be a sign on the board at the feed barn.

When I have finished I can wash my hands. This is important so that I always keep the germs away.



I can also choose a clean hands sticker from the farmer if I want to.





When I have finished feeding the animals, I can go back to my holiday cottage or I might like to play on the swings.



I must keep my hands clean and try not to put them in my mouth. This might be very hard for me so a grown up will help keep my hands clean for me.

There will be hand sanitiser gel for me to use around the farm.

Feeding the animals every day is lots of fun.

