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Covid-19/Coronavirus Update 21 March 2020

Dear Friends of Larkrise Community Farm

In light of the latest government guidance which applies to our special setting at Larkrise Community Farm, we would like to give you our latest update as part of the government's education/social care strategy. Please note the situation is constantly evolving and as such, we will be reviewing our activities daily until further notice. Thank you for your patience while we sought clarity for our setting in these fast-moving times.

Our farm is considered an essential and valuable service to our community and via our Local Authority, so while we remain in full closure to the public for the foreseeable future, we will continue to operate a very small, core version of our service to the community within the parameters of government instructions for our setting.

In order to do this as safely as possible, we have put further strict measures and a manageable plan in place for this smaller provision during these uncertain times. To further reduce footfall, our staff will be operating on a week on/week off strategy to provide a minimum amount of people on site with a team on standby in case of staff absence. During their standby week, staff will be staying at home and completing online training from home. In this way we are able to retain our valuable staff so that when we reopen fully, our attendees will have the same people as before, for continuity. At the farm, as the weather warms up we will also be looking at holding break times outdoors as much as possible.

Our animals will also of course continue to be well cared for and they will be having a more relaxed summer schedule.

Parents and carers of those attending during this time will be contacted directly with our rota. In the meantime if you, or the person due to attend, is feeling unwell, please do not come to the farm, instead call 111 and follow the NHS guidance.

There may come a time when we have to look at full temporary closure due to staff absence or further-reaching government rulings, please keep this in mind.

Kind regards

The Trustees and Staff
Larkrise Community Farm