

## Tudors Alive for Home Educator Families -General Workshop Information

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY AHEAD OF THE VISIT

- The session will take place at Mary Arden's Farm, Station Road, Wilmcote, CV37 9UN. The farm is located approximately 3.5 miles north of Stratford-upon-Avon off the A3400 from Stratford-upon-Avon to Birmingham.
- Parking on-site is free of charge.
- Each family group should have an accompanying adult who will be required to remain with their child/ren throughout the day.
- Pushchairs are not allowed in the Arden workshop (but they are allowed on the wider site).
- NO dogs are allowed on site in order to protect the animals living on the farm.
- Registration opens at 9.45 am for a prompt 10.00 am start. The workshop finishes at 2.30 pm. A breakdown of timings will be sent closer to the day.
- There is a break for lunch and space to picnic on site.
- Please bring a picnic including a drink as there are no catering facilities on site.
- Children and adults should stay within the identified designated areas at all times for everyone's safety.
- During the day the participating children will undertake a number of hands-on activities across the site, for which we will divide the children into smaller "working" groups of no more than 10. Occasionally for operational reasons, we may need to make some last-minute adjustments to the working group numbers.
- Our experienced team of practitioners will deliver all the workshop sessions but may ask accompanying adults to assist their child/ren with some of the activities.
- Capacity is limited in some spaces so we would ideally need to keep the number of accompanying adults to a minimum.
- The workshop will finish with Tudor dancing.
- Please let us know in advance if anyone has an access issue or any conditions of which you think we should be aware. The site is wheelchair accessible including toilet access. However, due to the nature and age of the farm site we do not have a hearing loop system set up.
- The workshop will include walking outdoors around the site. Children should therefore be encouraged to wear sensible shoes (not wellies) and clothing that offers suitable protection against the possibility of wet weather which could also lead to some wet and muddy pathways.
- Likewise, sunscreen if the weather is sunny.
- Due to the potential for ticks in the long grass, children are recommended to wear long trousers or knee-length (not ankle) socks to keep their legs covered.
- Any accompanying female adults of child-bearing age should be aware that there are sometimes pregnant ewes, cows, goats and pigs on this farm.

We really want you and your children to enjoy the visit and to get the most from it. If you need further information or clarification on any of the above points, please email <u>learning@shakespeare.org.uk</u>