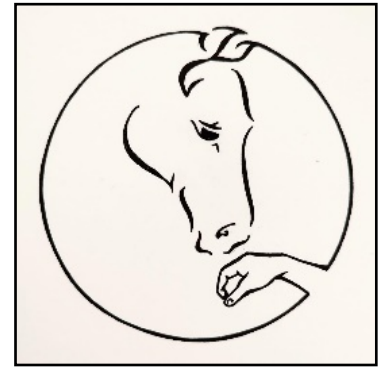


WILTSHIRE EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING



Participation Permission Form

Learner name:

Parent/carer name:

Address

Postcode

Authorised driver or person collecting

Name:

Company:

Contact phone number:

Person to contact in case of emergency

Name:

Contact phone number:

NB please ensure a MEDICAL NEEDS form is submitted if necessary.

This is an important document which affects your legal rights and obligations. Read it carefully and do not sign it unless you are satisfied that you understand it. If you have any questions, please ask your Wiltshire Equine Assisted Learning (referred to as WEAL) Facilitator or Manager. Please note that WEAL holds public and employee liability insurance, which is available to view on request.

THE BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

WEAL offers an opportunity for you to interact with horses and other animals on the ground and to take part in a variety of animal and farm and woodland-related activities. This might be with or without horses, dogs, and guinea pigs loose in an enclosed area such as a stable or arena, in a large open paddock with a number of animals, or with one animal on the end of a halter and lead rope. There is no riding offered as part of our activities.

ON AND OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

Wick Yard is a public space, and other members of the public and tenants pass through the farm. Learners will be supervised 1:1 at all times, and some minimal opportunities for social interactions sometimes occur. These are always supervised by the facilitator.

There will also be opportunities to take dogs or ponies on walks, utilising local quiet countryside footpaths. Details of these walks are available and have been risk assessed. Again, though these are quiet rural routes, interactions with the public may occur.

Working with Animals

In addition to horses, the presence of animals such as dogs, guinea pigs, and sheep may be offered as part of our wider therapeutic and sensory provision. We maintain a duty of care to both the children and the animals involved. Animal participation is carefully considered based on the well-being of the animal, the needs of the child, and the suitability of the session environment. If WEAL determines that the presence of an animal is not appropriate for a particular session, the animal will not be included.

By signing this form, parents and guardians acknowledge that the presence of animals is optional and is subject to professional discretion.

Consent for Presence of Support Dog During Sessions

I give permission for my child to attend sessions where a dog may be present as part of the alternative education provision. I understand that the dog will be supervised at all times and integrated into the learning environment to support emotional well-being, engagement, and therapeutic outcomes. The dog is undergoing training and is regularly risk-assessed.

I acknowledge that reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure safety and hygiene, and that my child does not have any known allergies or phobias related to dogs that would prevent their participation.

Consent for Presence and Handling of Guinea Pigs During Sessions

I give permission for my child to attend sessions where guinea pigs may be present as part of the alternative education provision. These animals are temperament-assessed and handled in accordance with welfare and hygiene standards. Their presence is intended to support emotional regulation, sensory engagement, and therapeutic outcomes.

Opportunities for gentle handling or interaction will be offered under close supervision and adapted to suit individual sensory profiles, preferences, and needs. All interactions will be optional and guided by staff.

I confirm that I have informed the provider of any known allergies, phobias, or other concerns related to guinea pigs or small animals that may affect my child's participation. I understand that I can update this information at any time during the course of the programme.

Consent for Seasonal Interaction with Sheep

At certain times of the year, it may be possible for children to interact with sheep and lambs as part of our programme. These interactions are carefully supervised, optional, and designed to enrich sensory and emotional experiences.

I understand that participation in sheep interactions is voluntary and subject to suitability based on my child's individual needs and the professional discretion of WEAL staff.

I confirm that I have informed the provider of any allergies, phobias, or concerns related to sheep or farm animals that may affect my child's participation. I understand I may update this information at any time during the programme.

Presence of Animals Consent Summary

I acknowledge that animal-assisted support is optional, may vary from session to session, and is subject to the professional discretion of WEAL. I confirm that I have informed the provider of any relevant allergies, phobias, or concerns, and understand I may update this information at any time.

Assumption of Risk: I understand that while WEAL takes all reasonable measures to ensure safety and well-being, interaction with horses and other animals carries inherent

risks, including but not limited to scratches, bites, allergic reactions, or unpredictable animal behaviour.

I acknowledge that horses and other animals can be dangerous and may behave unpredictably or in ways which may cause death, injury, disability or damage to persons or property.

By consenting to animal interaction, I voluntarily assume these risks on behalf of my child and release WEAL and its staff from liability related to such risks, provided that appropriate care and supervision are maintained.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I understand and acknowledge (insert learner name)

may be injured or their personal property may be lost, damaged or destroyed whilst taking part in this activity. Other people may cause injury or may damage my property or my learner may cause injury to other persons or damage their property. My learner is taking part in the activities voluntarily.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

I agree to release and hold harmless WEAL and its servants, employees from and against any liability arising out of any injury, loss, damage or death caused to my learner or my property, or any other person arising from or in connection with their participation in the activities whether such injury, loss, damage or death was caused directly or indirectly by negligence, breach of contract or any way whatsoever.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless WEAL, its servants, employees and agents from all claims, damages, losses, injuries and expenses arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

I agree to comply with all rules and directions made or given by W-EAL in connection with the activity. I understand that if my learner fails to comply with the rules and/or directions of WEAL, they may be injured or injure someone else. Further, I understand that I will not be permitted to continue with the activity and no refund will be given. I agree to report all accidents, injuries, loss or damage sustained by me to WEAL before I leave the site on which the activity is performed. I agree that if they suffer any injury or illness, WEAL may provide or arrange evacuation, first aid and medical treatment at my expense.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND THAT ANYTHING I HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I SIGNED THE DOCUMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT MADE TO ME.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Upon submitting this form, you affirm that all your responsibilities and rights have been explained to you. Please ask if there is any aspect of this document you need explained in further detail.

DATA SHARING PERMISSION FORM

Wiltshire Equine Assisted Learning (WEAL) holds data relating to our clients in order to be able to offer our services effectively. We take the security of your data very seriously and require your permission to use or share this data with anyone. Please let us know how you would like us to share your data - you will need to opt in by completing the form below.

Photos may be taken as part of the sessions, be used in portfolios and held securely by WEAL.

Yes / No

Photos may be used on the WEAL website or for marketing purposes.

Yes / No

Session notes and reports:

Session notes are required to be kept as part of our work with our clients, and are held securely by staff. As part of our contract with your referrer and to ensure we are meeting the aims of our sessions with you, we write a report each term summarising progress. This will be shared with your referrer. Please indicate that you are happy for a report to be written and shared. Your referrer can share this report with you should you request this.

I agree that a report will be written by my facilitator and shared each term with the referrer.

Yes / No

Marketing and service updates: We hold your phone number/email address to contact you about your sessions. We may like to update you with information about our services. Please indicate if you would not like to receive this.

I do/do not wish to receive any service updates

Signature.

Date form signed:

You can find a copy of our privacy statement at www.wiltshireequineassistedlearning.co.uk or request a copy from a member of staff. You can withdraw consent for sharing of your data at any time.

Contact Hannah Lindsay hannah@wiltshireequineassistedlearning.co.uk

Yard rules, drop off, Collection and sickness policy for learners and visitors

All learners and visitors (e.g. parents or staff accompanying) must be aware of our Sickness Policy to control the transmission of sickness or virus. Please read and sign to say you have read this information and agree to adhere to the regulations. If you do not return this document we reserve the right to cancel your session with no refund.

- Learners that have had a temperature, sickness, virus or Diarrhoea are required to have been well for 48 hours before they attend any session.
- Learners **must wait in their transport**. Their facilitator will collect them from their transport at the time of your session. They should arrive just prior to their session and not arrive early.
- If a learner arrives by taxi, the taxi company must be made aware that they will be required to hold the learner in the car until they are collected by their facilitator.
- Family members or staff accompanying a learner, but who do not go with them into their session, must wait in the car or leave the site and not wander around the premises at any time.

- All learners and visitors should wash or sanitise their hands on arrival - hand washing facilities and sanitisers are available in the site toilet.
- Learners should come prepared to be outside in all weathers. Inside facilities will only be used in inclement weather.
- Learners will not be able to engage with horses without appropriate clothing, i.e. closed footwear with grip and well-fitting clothes. Protective and cold or wet weather clothing, a sun hat, sunscreen, and long trousers are recommended.
- Please note the work with horses is from the ground and not ridden. The wearing of personal protective equipment is therefore not mandatory. Protective riding gloves are temporarily available to borrow, but if parents/carers require learners to wear skull hats / riding gloves/ body protectors, they must provide these, having been professionally fitted to the learner.
- Please bring your own water bottle or snack.
- Learners may bring phones, but they are to be stored in a bag or pocket at all times and not used during sessions unless for emergencies.
- Please pick up learners on time. Where a learner is not picked up before their facilitator's next session starts, they will be asked to wait in a safe area, but we will be unable to supervise them. Persistent lateness puts us and other learners at risk, and we will cancel further sessions if this is not resolved. Taxis must be booked to pick up on time.
- If you wish to talk to your facilitator regarding the learner, please email or ask your facilitator to arrange an appointment to chat. They are not available to chat after sessions as they will need to prepare for and collect their next learner.
- I am aware that all full versions of WEAL's Risk Assessments and Policies can be found on WEAL's website www.wiltshireequineassistedlearning.co.uk.
- NON ATTENDANCE. I am aware that WEAL reserves the right to discontinue sessions after repeated non-attendance.
- If a learner's behaviour is deemed to be unsafe around staff, other learners or animals, WEAL reserves the right to discontinue sessions.

I understand and agree to all the above and WEAL policy and procedures (available from WEAL website) in order to keep staff and learners safe.

I understand that sessions may be cancelled and no refunds will be given if learners or visitors are unable to follow WEAL policies and Yard Rules.

Signed Parent / Carer name

Date:

On behalf of (Learner name)