

Supporting Sustainable Schools



Who are FACE?

Helps young people, wherever they live, to learn more about food and farming in a living countryside..

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Working with over 80 partners

FACE enhances the school curriculum, encourages visits to the countryside and undertakes research

National team of two and regional team of ten

Manage DCSF Growing Schools programme

A healthy sustainable countryside?

**Food and non-food
production and services**

Leisure



**Heritage
and culture**

Environmental care

The challenges

Natural

- Damage caused by farming
- 90% wastage of resources
- Animal diseases

Who Decides?

- Food security
- Self sufficiency
- Renewables



Economic

- Subsidies
- Global market
- Low Profitability

Social

- Farmers isolation, stress
- Ill health related to diet
- Food supply in the developing world

Responding to sustainable schools

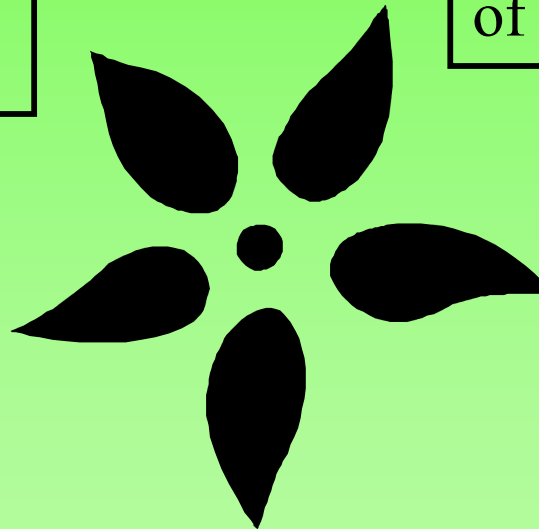
Stimulus for active engagement

The distinctive nature of the sector

Offering a variety of work related starting points

Motivation for personal and social development

Contribution to curriculum enrichment and life skills



Doorway for food - issues

Fairly
traded

Small carbon footprint

Seasonal

Tasty

High quality

Secure supply

Good for
wildlife

Disease free

Locally produced

Ethical

Nutritious

Exotic

Healthy

Cheap

Fresh

Kind to animals

Fresh

Secure



Doorway themes for renewables

Purchasing
and waste



- Renewable plastics and packaging

Energy
and water



- Liquid biofuel for transport
- Biomass boilers for heat

Buildings
and grounds



- Renewable building materials

Getting involved - Strategic



- **Advocacy**
- **Raising awareness**
- **Conferences and events**
- **Signposting opportunities e.g. websites**

Getting involved - activities

- **Working with local communities**
- **Curriculum projects e.g. Food & Farming ~ local & global**
- **Following the food chain**
- **Growing activities**
- **Enterprise projects**
- **Gifted and talented programmes**



Year of Food and Farming in Education



September 2007 to July 2008

What are our aspirations?

Young people:

- First- hand experiences
- Growing
- Cooking

Schools:

- Curriculum
- Procurement



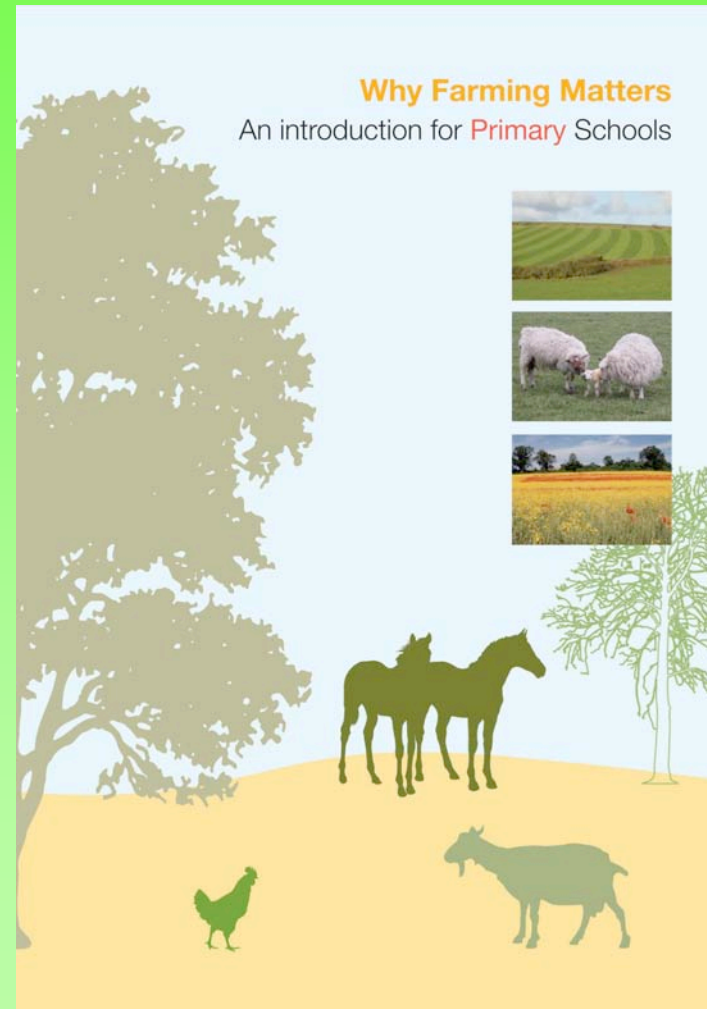
Communicating to Schools

The screenshot shows the website for the Year of Food and Farming (YoFF). The browser window title is "Windows Internet Explorer" and the address bar shows "http://www.yoff.org.uk". The website header includes the YoFF logo, the tagline "Year of Food and Farming Making informed choices about food", a search bar, and a navigation menu with links for Home, Schools, Farming, My YoFF, News, Events, Surveys, and Competitions. A large banner for "FARM VISITS" features a photo of cows and text: "Duis laoreet purus eget mi. Cum sociis natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Aliquam erat volutpat. Curabitur eu erat. Pellentesque malesuada lacus vel nisi. Aenean eros libero, egestas suscipit, ultricies at, suscipit a, orci. Praesent tristique conwallis ante." Below this is a "Check the map for farms you can visit" link. To the right is a "Get on the map!" section with a map and a list of schools: Nuneaton Primary School, Lincoln Secondary, Lower Early Arable Farm, Pimlico School, Chichester school for girls, and Manchester primary school. The "Not on the map yet?" section includes a "Get on the map!" button. The main content area is divided into three columns: "Resources for teachers" with age group buttons (5-7, 7-11, 11-14, 14-19) and a search instruction; "Get involved" with a photo of a woman and a "PLAY THE COW RUSTLER GAME" button; and "Fun Stuff" with a cow icon and a "PLAY THE COW RUSTLER GAME" button. The "Games" section includes text: "Fusce ultricies, turpis ut venenatis condimentum, orci pede gravida nisi, id dignissim. Downloads Sed ultricies lobortis metus. Suspendisse ultricies accumsan augue. Activities Oulique fella metus, agetas a, rhonus nec, interdum a, nisi."

www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk

What is already being offered?

- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Curriculum projects
- ✓ Incentives to participate



Issues

- How do we make a better case for Sustainable Schools?
- How do we raise awareness of what is on offer?
- How do we ensure that all schools have equal access to opportunities?

