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Dear Parent

Livestock 2024 – Sheep project: 4-8 March 2024

As a school we are taking part in the Livestock 2024 – Sheep project. This involves having a sheep and her two lambs spend a week with us at Smithdon High School. All students will be able to visit the sheep at lunch times, to do this they must see Ms Moat or Mrs Dibble to add their names to a sign-up sheet. We also have a dedicated day for both Year 7 and Year 8 to learn more about the sheep within their lessons.

The activities involved on the day for Year 7 and Year 8 will include;

- Understanding about seasonality in farming and the importance of animal husbandry.
- The process of wool production and sustainability.
- Designing wool-based products, such as a woolly hat or jumper, and learning about the properties of wool.
- Gaining knowledge on the geographical origins of sheep breeds within the UK and what the different types of breeds are best known for.
- Farm to fork: where does your food come from and how does it get to our plate?

Students will be supervised by a member of Smithdon school staff at all times during the activities. Students are to wear their normal school uniform as most of the activities will be based in the Sports Hall.

It is of utmost importance that the students make sure they thoroughly **wash their hands** if they have been near the sheep pen, including touching the pen and sheep. There will be guidance on where and how to do this given to students on the day.

If you do have any questions regarding the Livestock 2024 project, please do not hesitate to contact me on: r.dibble@smithdonhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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Food and Nutrition Teacher & Pupil Premium Lead



