



Parents Agreement

Young Farmers is a voluntary youth organisation for young people in rural areas. We are one of the largest rural youth organisations in the UK dedicated to young people who have a love for agriculture and rural life. Led by young people, for young people, our Young Farmers' Clubs provide their 25,000 members aged 10 to 26 with a unique opportunity to develop skills, work with their local communities, travel abroad, take part in a varied competitions programme and enjoy a dynamic social life.

Young Farmers Clubs' purpose is:

- To advance the education of young members of the public at large in their knowledge of agriculture, crafts, life skills, rural affairs and country life,
- In the interests of the social welfare of such members to provide and promote the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations, being facilities which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities, self-reliance and individual responsibility so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.

Young Farmers is a voluntary organisation and depends on volunteers including parents and guardians to help coordinate its activities.

Parents / Guardians should therefore:

- Support the purposes of Young Farmers.
- Work in partnership with clubs to ensure your child gets the maximum benefit from being a member of YFC.
- Understand that YFC's are run by a range of volunteers of different ages, backgrounds and skill bases.
- Help your child and others to understand the satisfaction of group work and community spirit – 'you get out, what you put in'
- Be knowledgeable about the policies and guidelines YFC operates under and encourage their child to know, be familiar with, and follow these rules.
- Be a positive role model for your child and other Members by respecting volunteers, leaders and judges, their authority and decisions; the rules and regulations under which Young Farmers operates
- When using social networking sites always conduct yourself in an appropriate way as you would face to face. Be aware of what you say and how you say it - the use of sarcasm and innuendo are not appropriate.
- Help your child to understand that taking part, learning and showing sportsmanship in all competitions, testing situations, disagreements, etc is more important than winning.
- Agree to discuss disputes at a suitable time with the club officer team or supporting county federation, without resorting to hostility or violence.

By working together with parents YFC's will continue to thrive as the hub of the community for rural young people. If you require copies of any policies or guidance please speak to your club officers.

By signing this form you are agreeing to the above text and to support the guidance in the policies adopted by Suffolk Federation of Young Farmers Clubs'.

Parents Signature..... Date.....

Name of child.....who is a member ofYFC

