



FARM SAFETY FIRST

Teacher Guidebook 2024–2025

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Welcome to **Farm Safety First**, a transition year programme brought to you by Agri Aware and supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

We have put this **teacher guidebook** together to explain the role of the student and teacher over the duration of the programme. The PDF will be available to download from our website from **16th September 2024**. It is important to note that there is no prior knowledge of the subject required before introducing this programme to the classroom.

The objectives of the programme include:

- ① increase understanding of the challenges and dangers of working on a farm,
- ② educate on safe farming practices,
- ③ offer guidance and information to those who are working on farms or hope to in the future.

The programme provides basic foundational knowledge for the Leaving Certificate cycle within Agricultural Science. In addition, the programme also covers a variety of transferrable skills including group work, public speaking and research. The incorporation of farm safety education should encourage students to think towards their education within the Leaving Cert cycle and beyond.

There are four chapters in the programme. Each chapter contains two lesson plans and each lesson plan should take no longer than 1 hour to complete. All teachers and students will officially have 12 weeks to complete the programme (16 September – 20 December 2024). It is not essential to complete all chapters within the programme. Teachers and students can cover as many chapters as they like. Project submissions will be accepted even if all chapters have not been completed. **The closing date for projects is the 20 December 2024.**

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The Teacher's Role

The PDF has been structured to include a comprehensive overview on farm safety. The programme consists of an introduction and chapters on personal safety and awareness, identifying hazards and understanding warning signs, safety around livestock and machinery and vehicles safety and good practice.

There is the option to work through the materials with students in the classroom or the content can be used as a more independent, self-directed programme.

We recommend using the PDF on a projector in front of the whole class and working through the material and tasks together or in groups. You may cover as much or as little material as you like. The programme can also be printed, with the tasks requiring an internet connection completed at another time.

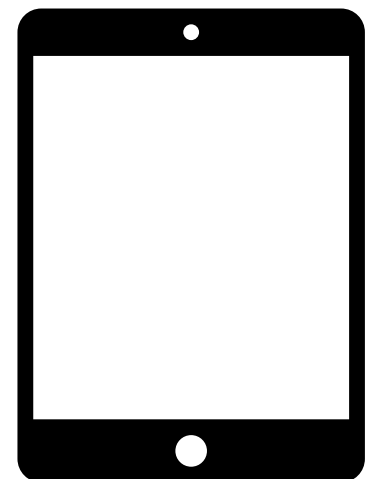


The Student's Role

The PDF can be downloaded multiple times and students can access the content at home once they have an internet connection and a device that can connect to the internet.

We advise students to work on their project submission during the October mid-term break.

There are tasks included throughout the programme. These tasks will enhance the students knowledge on the topics within the programme and assist with their ideas for the final project submission.



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Each chapter includes the following interactive components:

Tasks:

Each chapter contains a number of tasks. The tasks are contained within the programme. These tasks vary from classroom discussions to answering questions on educational farm safety videos.

Example of a task in the programme:

Task: (15 mins)

Have a classroom discussion about the various signs you might see on a farm, discuss what the meanings of the various coloured safety signs are and why it is important to have these signs on farms.

Live Click Icons:

There are live click icons throughout each chapter. These icons are for videos, additional learning material or relevant websites. You can try out these live icons by clicking on the icons below.

These interactive components will require an internet connection, however they are optional for use throughout the programme. We would recommend using the interactive components available within the chapters if there is internet access available.

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Livestock
Safety Video



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Competition

Students are required to submit a reflection exercise when they have completed the programme. There is the option for either an individual category submission or a group category submission (maximum of four students per group).

The individual category winner will receive a framed certificate and €200 prize money. They will also receive family tickets to visit an agricultural show. The group category winner will receive a framed certificate and €200 prize money each. They will also receive an all-expenses paid trip for their class to an open farm event near their school.

Please note the **closing date** for submissions is **20 December 2024**. Students may submit earlier if they complete the programme before this date. The submission portal can be found at the bottom of this page.

Project Brief

Students are required to submit a reflection exercise related to their learnings at the end of the programme such as;

- a poem
- an essay
- a short story
- a piece of artwork
- a filmed drama

Students should consider the following questions when developing their submission:

- Why do you think farm safety is important?
- How can young farmers create a safer working culture in the agricultural industry?
- Can you think of any innovative ways to reduce the number of farm accidents?

Students must upload their submissions to the submission portal.

Submission
Portal



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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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There will be regular updates on our social media platforms in addition to occasional emails to your sign up email address.



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Thank you again for signing up to **Farm Safety First** and best of luck with the programme.

The Agri Aware Team



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