

Dear all the residents at the care home,

Hope that you are all well. I don't know if you are aware of this but we are not allowed to go to school at the moment. I live on a farm and lots of things have happened on it while we've been off so I'll tell you all about it.

We have nearly finished lambing now, but before we were very busy and there were lots of jobs to do. I had (and still do have) a job that needs doing more than once every day and it is to go around the sheep that are lambing outside to check if they are all ok. One time, there was a poorly lamb that dad said was a girl and I had to bring her home and put her under a special heated lamp and feed her warm milk. Dad then said that I could keep her as a pet lamb and I called her Stella; I was overjoyed. Then, the next day, as I was feeding her, I noticed that she actually wasn't a girl she was a boy! After that, I couldn't keep him because the boys needed new mothers so he went to a new mum. I was quite disappointed but dad said that I could have another if there were any.

We also have sheep that are lambing inside and we have daily jobs to do with them as well. They are separated into four big pens: two for the sheep having one lamb and two for the sheep having two lambs. When they do lamb we have to bring the one sheep that lambed out of the big pen with her lamb (or lambs) and put them both in their own smaller pen which contains a water bucket. Every morning, we have to fill up their water buckets and give them fresh hay and sheep food to eat. When the lambs are old enough, we take them out in a special trailer to the fields where they can run around and play. We go around the fields with the lambs and their mums' in to feed them and check they are all ok every day. It is really nice to see the lambs playing and enjoying the sunshine.

It is not all work on the farm though and we do quite a lot of playing. We have a little stone area at the front of our house that has a slide, a trampoline, a playhouse and an assortment of outdoor toys on. We play on the trampoline almost every morning and it is really fun when you go really high and then fall back down again. We also have loads of fields to play in. The other day, me, my brother and my sister went up to our field on the hill where my dad was clearing out some trees in order to get the tractor through and played on some trees and my brother and I kept having races through branches and up steep hills. I had loads of fun!

Today the sun is shining and all the lambs are happy! I hope the sun makes you all feel happy too.

Kind regards,

Chloe

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