Dear

Spring is here and some primary teachers are thinking about taking part in hatching projects where they have live chicks in the classroom. Animal Aid, along with charities like the RSPCA, have serious concerns about these projects and (in case you are considering taking part) I hope you’ll take five minutes to read through the enclosed information sheet on the subject.

As the sheet explains, the whole process if very distressing for the chicks, puts them at risk of being poorly developed and presents an unnatural picture of how animals are born and raised.

Animal sanctuaries are being inundated with unwanted chicks from these projects.

You can find out more about the problems with and alternatives to hatching projects here: [animalaid.org.uk/hatching-projects](http://animalaid.org.uk/hatching-projects)

An alternative way for children to learn about life cycles and the natural start to birds' lives, is to watch live camera streams completely free of charge. Bird expert (and former primary school teacher), Wildlife Kate runs a wide variety of wildlife cameras across the world: [wildlifekate.co.uk/](https://www.wildlifekate.co.uk/)

This humane approach instils much of the excitement that's obviously brought by live chicks, and it is, of course, more natural.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

With best wishes