

Risk Assessment Summary

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On Site Activity	Risks and associated hazards	Post action Risk Level	Controls already in place and action required by visitors and staff
Farm Visit (Weather)	slipping, falling, Heat exposure, Sunburn, wind exposure.	Low	Please ensure that all children have sufficient protection for all types of weather. For inclement weather children must be adequately dressed with a waterproof coat and Wellingtons/ sturdy footwear. In hot weather we advise sunhats and sun cream be worn at all times. Visitors, teachers & leaders should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take adequate precautions against slipping and falling.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Group Supervision	slipping, tripping, falling, lost children	Low	The supervision of the children remains the responsibility of the parents, teachers or group leaders at all times during the visit. Our staff can only guide groups providing there are additional adults present at all times. We advise leaders to make a preliminary visit to the farm prior to the main group visit. See Health & Safety Executive guidelines for adult/child ratios. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 23
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Alighting From Vehicles	Slipping, tripping, falling, injury from other vehicles	Low	The car park will be in use by other vehicles, therefore please ensure that children are closely supervised when they alight from the coach. Keep the group together and away from traffic, make sure children are instructed not to run in the car park.
	Sprains, bruises		
Running, uneven surfaces, road and path edgings, climbing on objects	slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Visitors should take care when walking around the site. We advise all visitors to wear sensible and appropriate footwear to match the conditions on the day of the visit, contact the farm if unsure. Visitors should take care at steps, road and path edges to avoid tripping and falling. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run, climb walls, gates or other objects situated on or around the site.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Site Traffic	Various	Low	No farm or public vehicles are allowed in the main visitor area during our opening times, except in emergencies & emergency vehicles.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Tractor & Trailer Ride	Various hazards, loss of control	Low	All passengers will be reminded by the Guide to remain seated until the tractor has stopped and to keep your arms inside the trailer at all times. Supervisors should ensure that the people in your group adhere to these instructions. A trained tractor driver will secure the steps and safety chain on trailer before departure, a maximum load capacity applies. The tractor and trailer are regularly checked and maintained.
	Falling, tripping, slipping, Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Straying into prohibited areas	Various Hazards	Low	It is the Supervisors responsibility to ensure that children are instructed not to go beyond the designated areas. Prohibited areas are indicated, sectioned off & are only accessible to staff.
Pond	Falling, slipping	Low	The welfare of the children remains the responsibility of the parent, teacher or group leaders at all times during the visit. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb the walls or railings that are surrounding the pond and not to enter the pond are for any reason.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions drowning.		
Play Area & Soft Play	Falling, tripping, slipping, colliding, climbing.	Low	Daily visual check of all equipment and play area as per schedule and completion of external inspection sheet & soft Play Area inspection sheet by a member of staff. All surfaces meet British Standards relating to safety in playgrounds, which in this case is mainly cushion fall. Parent & carers must supervise children in their care. No Running, No Footwear is allowed but socks MUST be worn, Height & Age restrictions apply. All frameworks are covered with protective soft material.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		

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On Site Activity	Risks and associated hazards	Post action Risk Level	Controls already in place and action required by visitors and staff
Electrical equipment	Fire, Electric Shock Burns, minor to serious	Low	Visitors should not come into direct contact with any electrical equipment during your visit however if you do, please Do Not touch or interfere with as this equipment as it may cause harm. Electrical work is carried out and professionally maintained by qualified electricians. Regular checks are made on all electrical equipment for damage or signs of wear.
Fire	Various hazards, panic, loss of control Burns, inhalation of smoke	Low	Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out for the farm and adequate controls are in place. In case of fire, Supervisors should ensure that the children in their care go to the fire assemble point in either the Car Park or the Play Area. Supervisors should ensure that a roll call is taken of their charges. Smoking is NOT permitted within the Farm
Chemicals, Substances	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact Burns etc.	Low	Chemicals are used around the farm, all safety precautions are taken to ensure visitors do not come into contact with chemicals. Chemicals are stored securely in a locked secure area.
Displays & Events	Various Various	Low	Displays and demonstrations are controlled by their own Risk assessments, these are produced in respect of each activity.
Bees, wasps and insects	Stings Allergy	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps pose no risk unless provoked. If children are stung seek first aid from your assigned Guide or a nearby member of staff.
Pollen	Hay fever and Asthma	Low Weather Dependant	Teachers & visitors should make themselves aware of the pollen count prior to the visit to the farm & take all necessary precautions. Ensure that asthma sufferers bring their inhalers.
Feeding Animals	Biting, scratching, itching, eye contact and risk of reaction from animal or feed Allergy, Infection, scratches, cuts	Low	Visitors should not touch the animals unless encouraged to do so by the guides or members of staff. Supervisors should ensure that children wash their hands with running water and liquid soap after touching the animals. Please ensure there is adequate group supervision according to the age of your group, warning signs and/or double fencing is in place where animals may bite. When feeding the animals ensure that the hand is flat and fingers are straight. Please adhere to the ' Please do not feed ' signs that are placed beside animals. All children must be supervised when feeding the animals. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 23 Please note that animal feed may contain traces of nuts. Please advise us if any children are allergic to animals. We advise that all children under the age of 3 years DO NOT touch the animals.

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Designated Eating Areas	Infection	Low	Only eat in Designated eating areas that have been allocated. Eating areas are animal free zones, any animals found in eating areas are to be removed immediately and the area cleaned appropriately. Eating areas are to be cleaned regularly with appropriate cleaning materials. Staff are to ensure that soap and water is available at all times and to check disinfectant gel dispensers and toilets. Visitors are advised to wash their hands after feeding the animals, before eating & smoking and before exit.
Barrel Ride	Falling, tripping, slipping	Low	Daily checks of Quad & Barrel Train as per schedule, only trained/authorised drivers. Seat belts are checked by the driver before departure and passengers must be advised to keep arms and legs within the barrel at all times. Maximum speed: 5 mph Recommended Age: 3 years upwards
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Avian Flu	Various	Low	Several preliminary precautions are already in place. Advice has also been taken from DEFRA regarding Avian Flu and the situation is monitored during outbreaks.
	Infection		
Foot & Mouth/ Blue Tongue	Various	Low	Advice is/will be taken from DEFRA regarding the situation in the event of an outbreak. A regional outbreak may result in the farm having to close, all pre-booked visits will be contacted and advised of the situation in such an event.
Animal Zoonoses	Various	Low	Supervisors should be aware that there is always a risk from infection in all environments, the countryside and agricultural establishments are no exception. Supervisors should ensure that everyone in their care wash their hands with liquid soap and running water before handling food or drink and before exiting the farm. Disinfectant gels are not a substitute for using soap and water and is only a temporary measure until you reach hand washing facilities. It is advisable to ensure that a waterproof dressing protects any existing cuts or abrasions. Please also remind the children not to put their fingers in their mouth after touching or feeding the animals, as this is difficult to control with younger children All Stock are inspected on a daily basis prior to opening. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 02 We advise that all children under the age of 3 years DO NOT touch the animals.
	Infection		
Lambs & Pregnant Women	Miscarriage	Low (Spring)	Ewes are sometimes infected with an organism called Chlamydia Psittaci, which can cause miscarriage in women. Warning signs are in place in risk areas and farm guides also give a verbal warning. Pregnant woman must not have any contact with newly born lambs, kids or the birth products of sheep or goats. Visitors with concerns should notify a member of staff for more information.

*Detailed risk assessments are available for viewing on preliminary visits, Please ask a member of staff.