

# Risk Assessment Summary

## Part 1



Activity on site	Risks and associated hazards	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 weathers. 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 and 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 teachers/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 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 around the site.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Site Traffic	Various	Low	No traffic is allowed on the main site during our opening times, except in emergencies & emergency vehicles.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		
Tractor & Trailer Ride	Falling, tripping, slipping	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 all people in your group adhere to these instructions. A trained tractor driver will secure steps and trailer before departure, a maximum load capacity applies. The tractor and trailer are regularly checked and maintained. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 23
	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 and are only accessible to staff.
Pond	Falling, slipping	Low	The welfare of the children remains the responsibility of teachers/group leaders at all times during the visit. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb on the walls or railings that are surrounding the pond area.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions drowning.		
Play Area	Falling, tripping, slipping, colliding, climbing.	Low	Daily checks are undertaken on play equipment to ensure it is safe. All surfaces meet British Standards relating to safety in playgrounds, which in this case is mainly cushion fall. Exterior pathway is of gravel but remaining area comprises mainly of grass.
	Sprains, bruises, abrasions etc.		

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## Part 2



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Electrical equipment	Fire, Electric Shock	Low	Visitors should not come into direct contact with any electrical equipment during your visit however if you do, <b>Do Not</b> touch or interfere with as this equipment as it may cause harm. Electrical work is professionally carried out and maintained, by qualified electricians. Regular checks are made on all electrical equipment.
	Burns, minor to serious		
Fire	Various hazards, panic, loss of control	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 they and children in their care go to the fire assemble point in the Car Park or the Play Area. Supervisors should ensure that a roll call is taken of their charges.  <b>Smoking is NOT permitted in the Farm (car park only)</b>
	Burns, inhalation of smoke		
Chemicals, Substances	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact	Low	Chemicals are used around the farm with all safety precautions taken to ensure visitors do not come into contact with these. By law hazardous chemicals must be located in a secure place.
	Burns etc.		
Displays & Events	Various	Low	Displays and demonstrations are controlled by their own method statements and risk assessments and are monitored against these in respect of each activity.
	Various		
Bees, wasps and insects	Stings	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps pose no risk unless provoked. If children are stung seek aid from your Guide or a member of staff.
	Allergy		
Pollen	Hay fever and Asthma	Low <b>Weather Dependant</b>	Teachers/visitors should make themselves aware of the pollen count prior to the visit to the farm and ensure that asthma sufferers bring their inhalers.
Feeding Animals	Biting, scratching, itching, eye contact and risk of reaction from animal or feed	Low	Visitors should not touch the animals unless encouraged by the guides/staff. Supervisors should ensure children wash their hands with running water and liquid soap. We would remind you to ensure there is adequate group supervision according to the age of your group, warning signs and/or double fencing is in place where animals 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 we know are prone to bite or cannot have the type of feed provided, if in doubt ask a member of staff. All children must be supervised when feeding the animals. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 23  <b>We cannot ensure that animal feed does not contain traces of nuts. Please advise us if any children are allergic to animals.</b>
	Allergy, Infection, scratches, cuts		

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## Part 3



Activity on site	Risks and associated hazards	Risk Level	Controls already in place and action required by visitors and staff
Avian Flu	Various	Low	Avian Flu situation is monitored. Several preliminary precautions are already in place. Advice has also been taken from DEFRA regarding Avian Flu.
	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.
Zoonoses	Various	Low	Supervisors should be aware that there is always a risk from infection in any environment, the countryside and agricultural establishments are no exception. Supervisors should ensure that they and children in their care wash their hands with liquid soap and running water and use the disinfectant gels after touching animals and before handling food and drink. It is advisable to ensure that a waterproof dressing protects any existing cuts and abrasions. Please also remind children not to put their fingers in their mouth after touching or feeding the animals, as this is difficult to control with younger children. Stock are inspected on a daily basis prior to opening. *advice taken from - HSE Supplement AIS 2  <b>we advise that all children under the age of 3 years DO NOT touch the animals.</b>
	Infection		
Lambs & Pregnant Women		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.
	Miscarriage		

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