

HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE



Some animal diseases can be transmitted to humans. There is a small risk of children acquiring infections such as Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter and Salmonella. These organisms can be found in some farm animals and may be contracted by hand to mouth contact.

As it is difficult to stop very young children putting their hands in their mouths after touching the animals, we advise that children under 3 years old **DO NOT** touch the farm animals.

Important Health & Safety Rules

1. Wash hands, using soap and running water before eating or smoking and after handling animals.
2. After handling animals please use disinfectant gels in addition to washing your hands.
3. Children should not drink from animal water troughs.
4. Do not allow the children to kiss the animals.
5. Do not allow children under 3 years of age to touch the farm animals.
6. Children should not put fingers in their mouths.
7. Children should be forbidden from eating sweets or other snacks during the farm tour.
8. Eat only in the designated areas.
9. Do not allow children to climb on any walls, fence or gates.
10. Cover all cuts, wounds & grazes with a waterproof dressing to avoid infection.
11. Children's dummies that have fallen to the ground should not be put back into children's mouths.
12. Wear suitable clothing and footwear.
13. Stay with your group.
14. Ensure all responsible adults are aware of the rules.
15. Smoking is only permitted in the car park

Pregnant Women

Ewes are sometimes infected with an organism called Chlamydia Psittaci, which can cause miscarriage in women. The risk is very small, but it is important to be aware of the potential problem. To avoid this risk, pregnant woman must not have any contact with newly born lambs, kids or the birth products of sheep or goats.

Minimum Adult to Child Ratio - Based on HSE Guidelines, Please refer to Page 13

The ratio of children to (Supervisors/teachers/assistants/parents) should be:

- 1:1** - children under 1 years old
- 1:2** - children between 1 and 2 years old
- 1:3** - children between 2 and 3 years old
- 1:4** - children between 3 and 5 years old
- 1:8** - children between 5 and 8 years old

If supervision levels are less than this there should be no direct contact with animals.

STAY SAFE WHEN VISITING



Stay Safe when visiting our farm

Following the simple rules listed below will help to keep you and your children safe from E. coli O157 and other infections that may be found on open farms. Pregnant women need to take extra care.



**This sign means
Now Wash Your
Hands**

You may see this sign all around the farm and it is there to remind you to wash your hands.



**This sign means
STOP and Wash
Your Hands**

You may see this sign at the entrance to cafe's and at the exits to the farm and it is there to STOP you leaving the farm without washing your hands.



**If you see this
sign it means this
is where you can
wash your hands**

This is a Clean Hands Zone



WASH YOUR HANDS



Washing Your Hands

After

- touching the animals
- playing on the ground
- tying your laces
- using the toilet

Before

- eating food or sweets
- touching food
- putting hand in mouth
- leaving the farm



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Wet Hands

Soap

Soap for about 20 Seconds



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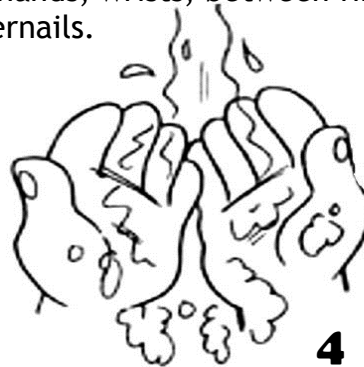
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Scrub

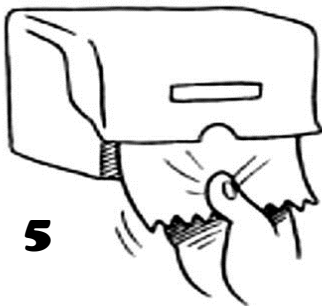
Scrub backs of hands, wrists, between finger and under fingernails.

Rinse

Rinse your hands under running water.



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Towel dry

Turn off

Turn off taps with paper towel & then bin it



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