



Risk Assessment

August 2025

Based: Dave and Ewe Farm, SN11 8SR

First Aider: Dave Buscombe & Katie Snood

Activity	Risk	Risk Level	Controls already in place and action required by staff
Farm visit	Slipping, Tripping, falling, Heat exposure, Sunburn, wind exposure. Sprains, bruises or Abrasions, head injury, etc.	Low	Ensure all children/young adults have sufficient protection for all types of weather i.e waterproof coat and wellingtons/sturdy footwear. Hot weather we advise sunhats and sun cream be worn at all times. Visitors, teachers & leader should be aware of the possibility of wet flooring and take adequate precautions against slipping & falling. Sprains, bruise, abrasion. See first aider if accident or incident to happen.
Alighting From Vehicles	Slipping, tripping, falling, injury from other vehicles, Hit by a vehicle.	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. Cars are not required into low barn car space unless instructed too by Dave.
Running, uneven surfaces, road and path edgings, climbing on objects, machinery, fencing or gates	slipping, tripping, falling, Sprains, bruises, abrasions, Head injury, etc.	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/Dave 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/Fencing, gates or other objects situated on or around the site.
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.
Pond	Falling, slipping Sprains, bruises, Abrasions, drowning.	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
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 with training.
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

			<p>equipment as it may cause harm. Electrical work is carried out and professionally maintained by qualified electricians.</p> <p>Regular checks are made on all electrical equipment for damage or signs of wear.</p>
Bees, wasps and insects	Stings and allergy	Low	<p>All allergies need to be reported before attending the farm.</p> <p>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 Teacher/Guide or a nearby member of staff.</p>
Fire	Various hazards, panic, loss of control Burns, inhalation of smoke	Low	<p>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. Supervisors should ensure that a roll call is taken of their charges. Smoking or Vaping is NOT permitted within the Farm</p>
Pollen	Hay fever and Allergy	Weather Based	<p>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.</p>
Feeding Animals	<p>Biting, scratching, itching, eye contact and risk of reaction from animal or feed.</p> <p>Allergy, Infection, scratches, cuts.</p>	Low	<p>Visitors should not touch the animals unless encouraged to do so by the members of staff.</p> <p>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</p>

			<p>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</p> <p>beside animals. All children must be supervised when feeding the animals.</p> <p>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 4 years DO NOT touch the animals.</p>
Avian Flu	Various, Infection	Low	<p>Several preliminary precautions are already in place. Advice has also been taken from DEFRA regarding Avian Flu and the situation is monitored during outbreaks</p>
Foot & Mouth/Blue Tongue	Various	Low	<p>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.</p>
Animal Zoonoses	Various/ Infection	Low	<p>Supervisors should be aware that there is always a risk from infection in all environments, the countryside and agricultural establishments are no exception.</p> <p>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</p>

			<p>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.</p> <p>We advise that all children under the age of 3 years</p>
Lambs & Pregnant Women	Miscarriage	Low (Spring)	<p>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.</p>