



RISK ASSESSMENT

Farm name: Home Farm	Telephone: 07951857404
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	Website:
	Grid Reference: SD49810 18045
	Date of Risk Assessment: 31 st July 2022
Carried out by: Elaine Smith	Signature: Mrs E Smith

Checklist:

- ✓ Sufficient access for visitors' vehicles and turning area or turning area
- ✓ Areas out of bounds marked off
- ✓ Handwashing and boot washing point provided, and signposted
- ✓ Fire equipment and first aid equipment easily accessible
- ✓ Trained first-aider on site
- ✓ Clear contingency plans are in place in the event of an emergency, or unsafe behaviour amongst visitors
- ✓ Public liability Insurance covering farm visits in place
- ✓ Staff DBS checked and Level 2 Safeguarding

See also Emergency action plan, Conduct on the Farm Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Child Protection and Safeguarding policy

Summary (to be completed after the assessment)

Is more information required?	Yes/No	More HSE guidance notes are available at http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/index.htm
Authorised by: (Signature) Mrs E Smith	Acceptable: (for all beneficiary groups?)	Yes/No
Print name: Elaine Smith	Further action required:	Yes/No
Further action required: Awaiting Paul Smith DBS		

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Control measures in place	Further action required? By whom? Deadline?	Done
Car park – moving vehicles	Visitors – physical injuries - falls from getting in and out of cars, mini-bus or coach. Visitors struck by vehicles.	Clear instructions given prior to arrival regarding safe car parking places. Drop off at the meeting area – advised on pre-visit information and visit. Supervision by farm staff of parking and movement around the car parking area. Children to stay on the bus until instructed to get off. Bus to park and turn in designated area. Maintain surface of car park area. All vehicles must remain stationary until all visitors are off the bus/out of vehicles.	Check car park area prior to each school visits. ES Ongoing	
Visitor behaviour	Poor behaviour of visitors	Pre-visit information given to schools. Staff encouraged to share “Code of conduct on the farm” policy with pupils before visiting the farm (available on the website). All pupils and staff briefed on appropriate behaviour on arrival.		
Lost or disorientated visitors	All visitors - wander into unsafe areas	Regular head counts of groups. Have a meeting place/base and ensure that all visitors know to return to this area if separated from the group. Advised in pre visit information and meeting. Unsafe areas locked with clear signage. Visitors informed of areas out of bounds. Farm staff to regularly check areas and visitors. For activities away from the farm staff a clear meeting point to be established and visible of unsafe areas. Farm staff to be based here and ensure that visitors do not wander into these areas.		
Farm vehicles and machinery	All visitors – physical injury struck by moving vehicles or machinery	Minimise vehicle movements during farm visits. Staff and pupils to follow instructions regarding movement around the farm, following safe access routes to avoid vehicles. Contractors and farm staff to be aware of visitors on site and adhere to designated routes around the farm. Activities planned to be away from moving vehicles or observe from a safe distance. Ensure that the workshop shutters are closed during visits with clear signage on the door.		

<p>Uneven ground, steep paths</p>	<p>Visitors on nature trails, farm walks – slips, trips and falls</p>	<p>Route planned and checked. Choose a safe route. Maps created detailing the route as appropriate. No access to problem areas (Corden off). Clear signage where required. Pre visit information regarding appropriate footwear and clothing. Supervision of visitors and highlighting of key areas.</p>		
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Slurry pits	All visitors – slips, trips, falls; drowning.	No access available to slurry pit. All activities to avoid the area around the slurry pit. Slurry pit cordoned off with fencing. Clear instructions to visitors that this area is out of bounds.		
Silage pits Manure & compost heaps	All visitors – falls from height; Contamination with manure.	There will be no access to the silage clamp. All activities to avoid this area Clear instructions to visitors that this area is out of bounds.		
Ponds and water courses; zoonoses – Weil's disease	All visitors – drowning; contamination with infective agent from contact with water.	The farm is next to a river, which is on a public footpath so already very clearly sign posted and fenced off. Inform visitors of the river and give clear instructions when doing any activities near the river. There is a small brook running through the woods area. Clear instructions when using this area.		
Fences and gates; Electric fences	Visitors' physical injuries – cuts, grazes etc. Contamination of visitors from touching farm animals or contaminated surfaces followed by ingestion of micro-organisms; electric shock from touching live fences.	Fences and gates checked and well maintained. Handwashing facilities provided at the calf building. Visitors informed of this on arrival No access to areas where an electric fence or barbed wire is accessible. Switch off electric fence if using the area.	Checks on the morning of the visit ES Ongoing	
Barns and yards – bale & fertiliser stacks; unsecured tractor wheels, pallets, boxes etc	All visitors – struck by falling objects, injuries due to climbing/falling.	No access to these areas.		

Grain silos, bins and stores	All visitors – inhaling harmful grain dust; physical injury from falls; entrapment/ suffocation.	All feed silos are raised from the floor and have been correctly installed by the manufacturer. Access ladders removed prior to visits. Feed stores at ground level, clearly cordoned off and signposted.		
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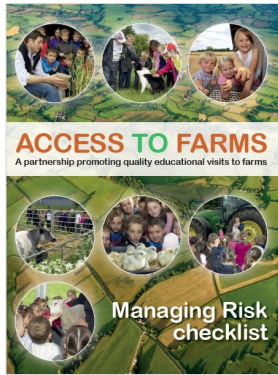
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Milking robots rooms	Visitors at milking demonstration – slips on wet surfaces. Contamination with manure/slurry.	Both robots rooms washed and cleaned thoroughly before the visit Visitors only to access robot rooms with a member of farm staff. Clear signage. Steps clearly marked. Handwashing facilities provided . All visitors to wash hands after visiting this area. Remove any trip hazards. Ensure that visitors stay outside the yellow marking on the floor – area of movement of the robot arm.	Clean and check on the morning of the visit ES Ongoing	
Static machinery (tractors, harvesters, cultivation equipment, ATVs)	Visitors climbing on and playing with machinery displays – physical injury from contact with dangerous parts e.g. spikes or falls from height.	No keys will be left in any machinery. All machinery will be parked and displayed in a safe manner e.g. loaders in the floor.	Check all machinery on morning of visit. ES Ongoing	
Working machinery (e.g. bale-wrapping, spraying, feeding or bedding animals with machines etc)	Visitors viewing machinery demonstrations: physical injury from contact with dangerous parts.	Optiduo will push feed during the day. Safety switch on the Optiduo will ensure that it stops upon any contact. Staff to supervise Optiduo on moving around the farm. PTO shafts and other moving parts to be guarded. Signage and clear instruction. No riding on machines.		

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Zoonoses including E coli O157, Cryptosporidiosis, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Chlamydia abortus (sheep afterbirth), orf, ringworm	Visitors feeding, petting or stroking calves, sheep, lambs, pigs, piglets, goats, kids, horses, foals or contact with their dung, contaminated surfaces fences, & pens; pregnant women (C abortus). All visitors – in picnic areas and car parking.	Facilities include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enough basins/points ✓ Antibacterial liquid soap ✓ Paper towels ✓ Warm running water ✓ Bins for used paper towels Visitors will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signage ✓ Staff 	All checks to be completed on the morning of the visits ES Ongoing	
Sheep, pigs, horses, cows, goats.	Visitors entering animal pens; feeding the animals; herding animals; performing simple farmyard tasks; contamination with dung, trampled; crushed; bitten; kicked; butted.	Handwashing facilities available at the calf building and within toilets. Remind visitors that they must not touch their face, hands in mouth or eat before washing hands. Visitors must not kiss the animals. Clear signage re handwashing. All animals to be well bedded. All animals to be checked in the morning. Any problems to be quarantined. Select health stock.		
Manure and faecal seepage – E coli 0157	Visitors viewing animals or entering livestock sheds walking through manure; touching manure on gates/walls/ partitions; contamination on shoes, laces, pushchair wheels; slips, trips and falls.	Lunch area to be away from areas where there has been livestock within the last 3 months. No visitor access to animal pens. All horses will be in stables.		
		Walks to be in fields where there is no livestock if unsupervised. Remind visitors that that they are visiting a working farm with animals – safety briefing at the start of each session Use clear pathways Wash wellies before leaving the farm. Staff and volunteers to regularly check areas with animal access. Pathways/gates etc to be kept clean		

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Chlamyidophil a abortus	Pregnant women	Mainly a risk at lambing, which we do not currently do at the farm. Other diseases may be a higher risk during pregnancy. Advise visit leader that it would be good practice for pregnant women to avoid farm visits.	Update risk assessment if we do get lambing sheep ES	
Inclement weather	All visitors	Pre visit information regarding appropriate clothing for the weather. Waterproofs etc in wet weather Lots of drinks, sun cream (to be applied prior to arrival) and hats when hot Plan B if original activities not possible due to weather.	Keep up to date with weather forecasts ES Ongoing	
Farm pets – dogs and cats	All visitors, especially children – bitten; scratched; toxoplasmosis through stroking, petting.	Farm dogs to be supervised at all times Pre-visit email to inform visitors that dogs are on site. Dogs up to date with flea and worm treatment.		
Fuel storage tank	All visitors – personal contamination, fumes, burns.	Fuel tank locked. No access during the visit.		
Animal feeds	All visitors – ingestion of feeds or contamination with micro-organisms.	Display of “what a cow eats in a day”. Wash hands after touching any animal feed. Advise visitors that the food is for the cows and not to be eaten by humans.		
Flora and fauna	Visitors on farm walk or nature trail – ingestion of poisonous fruits or berries etc.	Check routes beforehand and avoid areas that may have hazardous plants. Inform visitors that they must not eat plants. Regular hand washing Check with teacher regarding allergies. Long trousers and sleeves advised.		
Chemical and veterinary products	All visitors – ingestion of harmful chemicals, breathing vapour or skin; contamination.	All medicine and medical equipment is always locked away. Farmer access only.		
Eating and drinking	Visitors	Bring own food Snacks/drinks provided to be bought and in shop packaging Regular hand washing. Close supervision if visitors prepare snacks e.g. milkshakes Register of food allergies and treatment Pre visit information to be completed and farm staff to be aware. Designated eating areas to be away from animal contact areas.		

Please refer to the following documents when doing your risk assessment – download at <https://visitmyfarm.org/resources/code-of-practice>

**Access to Farms:
Managing Risk Checklist**



Industry Code of Practice (COP): Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions
Full COP version 3 Summary of control measures Teacher's Guide

