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HEALTH & SAFETY

At Broom House Farm your health and safety during your visit are taken very seriously. We do our best to ensure that the farm is a safe environment, but you must be aware that this is a working farm and that you will come into contact with animals/machinery. Please read the guidelines below and observe these simple, sensible precautions.

E COLI 0157 & Other Bugs

We must assume that all animals carry E Coli 0157 and excrete it in their poo. E Coli 0157 is a very infectious disease and swallowing a small amount can cause serious illness. Handwashing with soap and water is the most effective method of reducing risk of infection. Handwashing should take place after contact with animals, and before eating/drinking or leaving the farm. Any personal items that fall on the floor must be cleaned thoroughly before being handled. Please clean boots/wellies. Supervision of children's handwashing by their adults is essential. Young children cannot be expected to understand the risks involved

PREGNANCY

If you are pregnant it is advised that you do not come in to contact with pregnant sheep (November-May). Handwashing and cleaning by someone else of any clothing that has contact with the ground/sheep should minimise the risk.

REDUCING THE RISK OF CATCHING AN INFECTION

All animals carry different types of bugs and some of these can be passed on to humans and make them ill. People usually catch the illness by touching their mouth with their hands or fingers that have become contaminated with bugs. You can get your hands contaminated by touching animals, land or objects (eg. shoes) that are contaminated with animal poo.

Always wash hands very thoroughly with antibacterial soap and hot water before eating/drinking, after touching animals, and before leaving the farm

BE SAFE, BE HAPPY

