

Risk Assessment Form

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| Farm Name: BROOM HOUSE FARM |
| Address: BROOM HOUSE FARM, NR. WITTON GILBERT, DURHAM DH7 6TR TEL: 01913719697 |
| Responsible Person: JANE GRAY |
| Date Assessment Undertaken 1.2.2020 |
| Signature of Assessor: Jane Gray |
| VISIT LEADER: |
| GROUP: Name of Group: Teacher in Charge: School Administrator School Contact Telephone: Number of children: Date of visit: |

| HAZARD or ACTIVITY ON THE SITE | RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAZARDS | Potential to cause harm | CONTROLS ALREADY IN PLACE AND ACTION REQUIRED BY VISITORS |
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| Running children | Slipping, tripping, falling | Low | Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run on the site. |
| Wet grass Ice/Muddy Puddles/ Ditches, Streams | Slipping, falling, sprains | Low | Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of ice, water, mud & wet grass and take adequate precautions against slipping and falling. |
| Uneven grass surfaces | Slipping, falling, sprains | Low | Supervisors and children should take care when walking on the grass and wear sensible footwear |
| Road and path edgings | Slipping, tripping, falling | Low | Supervisors and children should take care at road and path edges to avoid tripping and falling |
| Climbing of objects (children) | Slipping, tripping, falling | High | Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb walls, gates and other objects on the site or to touch fences as they might be barbed wire or electrified. Farmer to ensure that stacked hurdles etc. are properly secured and reduce opportunities for climbing. |

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| Animals | Infection, biting, crushing & kicking | High | Hand-washing guidelines to be reinforced at start of visit & facilities shown to group. All animals on the site to be properly controlled and supervised. Visitors should not touch the animals unless encouraged by their handlers. Supervisors should ensure children wash their hands after handling any animal and at the end of visit / before eating. |
| Climbing of objects in Forest | Falling | High | Children to be supervised and staff to ensure that they are happy that the children are working safely together. |
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| Alighting from coach | Slipping, tripping, falling, injury from other vehicles | High | Supervisors should adhere to notices and instructions provided to use designated car park.. A serious accident could occur should instructions provided not be adhered to. |
| Chemicals | Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact | High | All substances and chemicals in use on the farm are safe and free from risk when used in a proper manner. Visitors will not be exposed to risks from substances used on displays and at demonstrations. By law, hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals must be locked in a secure place. |

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| Infection | Various | High | Farmer to make supervisor aware of general and specific risks at pre-visit briefing. 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 after touching animals and before handling food and drink. It is advisable to ensure that a dressing protects any existing cuts and abrasions. |
| petrol and diesel | Fire, explosion | High | The use of petrol/diesel driven equipment is monitored and controlled by the farm. No other similar equipment will be allowed on site unless by prior agreement with the farm contact. |
| Electrical equipment including electric fences and electric fencing units | Fire, electrocution | High | Supervisors must be aware that some fencing might be electrified and must make those in their care aware of the risk of electric shocks, electrocution. Visitors should not touch or interfere with any fences, electric fences or electrical equipment. Electric fences should be well signed and power switched off where possible when close access is required. No other electrical equipment will be allowed on site unless by prior agreement with the event organiser. |
| Straying into prohibited areas | Unidentified hazards | Low | Supervisors should ensure that children are instructed not to go beyond the designated area. Signs and barrier tape to designate these areas clearly. |
| Fire | Inhalation, skin burns, panic, loss of control | High | 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 leave the building by the nearest exit and go to a safe place. Supervisors should ensure that a roll call is taken of their charges. |

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| Water – pond, ditches, puddles | Drowning, panic, water born diseases | High | Natural hazards such as ditches are present on the farm. Children must be adequately supervised and made aware of water features. |
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| Site Traffic | Various | Low | Traffic in the activity area will be restricted to essential vehicles. Any other vehicles will not be allowed access to the area for the duration of the event. All farm staff made aware of visit whether involved or not. |
| Machinery | Trapping abrasion, injury | High | All machinery in use in demonstrations and displays is guarded and maintained to comply with current regulations. Supervisors should ensure that they and children in their care do not touch any machinery, comply with any safety notices and observe the restriction of any barriers that may be in place. Keys out of vehicles. |
| Nut Allergy | Risk of allergic reaction from touching compound animal feed, as they contain remnants of nut oil. | High | Children and supervisors are made aware of the risks of touching animal feed through signs and warnings from the guide. Supervisors should make sure they know the guidelines about allergic reactions and what to do if someone has an allergic reaction. |
| Gates & Wheels | Gates & wheels which are laid up against barns could be unstable. | High | Gates and wheels laid up against barns will be secured to the walls. |
| Wood and Wet woodwork | Splinters, slipping on wet wooden steps and equipment | High | Wooden steps etc to be sanded and children supervised at all times and warned about slip hazard in wet weather. |

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| Pollen/ straw dust | Hayfever and Asthma | Depend ing on weather | Children and teachers are made aware of pollen and straw dust. |

| Fire Assessment | | |
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| Petrol and diesel on site | | |