



New Hall Farm Ltd

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Risk Assessment

This document gives an outline of the types of hazards that you may come across when visiting New Hall Farm, and outlines examples of risk reduction measures. Not all aspects of this document will be relevant to the activities planned for your visit, the information is provided for guidance, and may be used by schools and visiting groups as a foundation for their own Risk Assessment. We strongly recommend that leaders of visiting groups undertake a pre-visit, both to plan the visit and create an effective risk assessment.

Good supervision and planning are the primary factors in ensuring a safe and enjoyable visit and thorough hand washing comes a close second.

Important No pregnant ladies, or individuals that think they may be pregnant should accompany school visits at lambing time (spring – please contact farm to confirm actual month if necessary) due to risk of Toxoplasmosis which can cause abortion. Please ensure that all supervisors are alerted to this risk.

ACTIVITY/ HAZZARD	INHERENT RISK	RISK OF INCIDENT	RISK REDUCTION MEASURES	POST ACTION RISK LEVEL
Weather conditions	Too hot Too cold	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the prevailing weather e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunhats, sun cream and water bottles or ○ Rain coats and jumpers • Visit plans may be adjusted to suit conditions 	Low
Arrival/ exiting coach (in farm yard)	Tripping/ falling Farm traffic	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disembarkation to take place on concrete pad to side of farm house away from main routes • School staff to supervise children alighting • Farm staff aware of visit taking place • Children to gather in barn yard 	Low
Arrival/ exiting coach (large coach in layby)	Tripping/ falling Other traffic nettles	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal guidance to children before leaving their seats on coach, • Adult supervisors aligned at intervals between the coach and the field gate to ensure orderly behaviour. Any child liable to erratic behaviour to be escorted into field. • Calm, controlled exit of the coach, adult at coach door to control the speed of disembarkation 	Low
Uneven and or slippery surface	Slipping/ falling	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory safety briefing to the whole group • Adequate supervision • Sensible footwear 	Low



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Injury from vegetation	Stings from nettles etc., thorns in hedges, brambles etc.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensible clothing, preferably long trousers and sleeves Introductory safety briefing Supervision – reminders issued on occasion 	Low
Injury from infrastructure, fences etc	Cuts and scratches, electric shock	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory safety briefing Route planned to avoid these hazards where ever possible Electric fencing units turned off for duration of visit Require children to stand 2 paces back from any stock fence when viewing sheep 	Low
Water	Drowning, slipping, falling, infection	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A route suited to the age group of visitors is selected Close supervision to ensure children are kept away from farm pond Thoroughly wash hands following any contact with water other than tap water 	Low
Climbing	Falls, cuts, grazes crush injury	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory safety briefing, there will be no climbing on any farm machinery, gates, ladders etc. Children must be adequately supervised 	Low
Sitting in a tractor	Slips falls	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity only to take place at the express invitation of farm staff Only whilst strictly supervised by at least 2 adults, one on each side of the tractor, with a one-way system of entry and exit of the cab All keys removed and controls disabled, any attached equipment on the ground. Tractor park on solid level ground 	Low
Milling wheat	Bumps and knocks to onlookers, injury to fingers	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision at all times Only individual operating crank stands on that side of the mill The crank must be turned at a steady consistent pace and hands kept well clear of feed hopper whilst the mill is in use Only grain goes into the mill, if it is not working ask for assistance All equipment is regularly checked for safety 	Low
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cuts/grazes	infection	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any cuts grazes to be washed and dressed as appropriate Pre-existing injuries to be appropriately dressed 	Low
Farm Chemicals	Inhalation Ingestion Contact with skin & eyes	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All chemicals kept in a locked store unless in use Do not touch any containers, even empty ones Observe warning notices 	Low
Treated crops	Reaction to chemical	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors are not taken into areas where crops have been recently treated The farm abides by the health and safety guidance provided on pesticide labels at all times 	Low
Ingestion	Illness/ poisoning	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors advised to keep their hands away from their mouths No eating (including sweets) excepting when advised it is ok to do so Hands to be thoroughly washed using antibacterial soap in warm running water Visitors are advised not to taste or eat any berries / plants unless specifically told that it is safe to do so. (e.g. blackberry picking) If footwear is changed then thorough hand washing is required Careful seating at meal times to ensure feet aren't near 	Low
Farm animals	Illness Butting Biting	moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to arrival at the field, visitors are advised to keep calm and quiet around farm animals Animals are only touched if no disease is present and we are at the end of the walk, and hand washing is imminent, any open wounds must be dressed beforehand. Reiterate the need to keep hands away from faces and no eating Animals viewed from an adjoining field, visitors advised to keep 2 steps back from fences, no climbing on gates 	Low



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Ticks	Lyme disease	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors encouraged to wear long trousers and socks Be aware of the issue and check for ticks if there are any concerns, refer to the NHS for more information http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx#symptoms 	Low
Missing children	Injury Distress to child	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children must be allocated to specific adult leaders and advised to stay with that leader Leaders to check regularly that all their group are present 	Low
Insects and allergies	Bites, stings and allergic reactions	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisors to be aware of any children with allergies to insects and other irritants and carry and administer any necessary medications Be aware of swarming bees/wasps – vacate area immediately in a calm manner 	Low
Grain stores	Dust, chemical treatments	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to grain stores only under strict supervision Access will not be available to anyone following treatment of empty stores. No access will be available in dusty conditions (following disturbance of grain) Visitors will be escorted out of the store if their actions are disturbing a lot of dust 	Low
Farm operations	Injury	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All farm staff are notified when visits are happening Notices to be posted at farm entry on visit days Importance of staying in group stressed with ongoing farm operations 	Low
Trailer ride	Slipping/ tripping	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only undertaken using purpose made trailer Visitors advised of need to take care when boarding and alighting from trailer, possibility of mud dust on treads Strictly supervised and told to remain seated until asked to stand. A member of farm staff will be on the trailer whilst in use. 	Low
Unstable structures	Unspecified injury	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good supervision at all times Propped items secured or laid down 	Low



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