

RISK ASSESSMENT

It is advised that this is only a guide and schools/groups are encouraged to carry out a pre-visit and conduct their own risk assessment

ADDRESS: LANCASTER PARK & ANIMAL FARM, MIDDLETON ROAD, CHADDERTON, OLDHAM OL1 2TG - 07745 723 999.

NEAREST A&E: THE OLDHAM ROYAL HOSPITAL, ROCHDALE ROAD, OLDHAM OL1 2JH - 0161 624 0420.

NEAREST NHS 'WALK-IN' CENTRE: MIDDLETON HEALTH CENTRE, MIDDLETON SHOPPING CENTRE, MIDDLETON, MANCHESTER M24 4EL - 0161 655 7434 .

Low = highly unlikely or harm level low

Medium = unlikely or harm level medium

High= likely or harm level high

HAZARD	LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	RISK SEVERITY	CONTROL MEASURES	RISK
Walking from coach to entrance. Traffic (road private)	Low	High	Medium	Teachers are informed that they can off/up load the coach at the entrance. If not off-loaded at the gate teachers are advised to carefully supervise the crossing.	Low
Stranger danger/ Lost pupil	Low	High	Medium	Ensure teachers are aware that they are responsible for supervising children and are encouraged to stay in small manageable groups. Regular headcounts are recommended.	Low
Slipping tripping/falling	Medium	Medium	Medium	Paths are swept regularly. Teachers to inform parents that suitable footwear and clothing should be worn. Most of the farm paths are stone or tarmac palings. Please don't venture onto poor ground in bad weather.	Low
Animal handling. biting risk Plus knocking and trampling.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Please ensure animals are only handled under close supervision. Warning signs are present. Ensure children are aware that animals must be treated with respect. Any loose sheep, chickens, geese , ducks or other animals should be given respectful space and not chased.	Low

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Risk of infection from animals.	Low	High	Medium	<p>We make sure everyone is aware of importance of hand washing during safety talk at the beginning of the visit. Hand sanitising stations are situated at regular intervals around the farm.</p> <p>Reminder signs are situated around the farm and in the washrooms.</p> <p>Please remind the children of this before they eat lunch or after they have touched the animals.</p> <p>Please discourage children from putting their hands near their mouth during contact with the animals.</p>	Low
Water/ponds	Low	High	Medium	<p>We ensure all pond fencing is secure and safe and not accessible by children unless fences are climbed over. Please ensure children do not climb on any fencing/gates/trees during the visit.</p>	Low
Farming equipment open to view and touch.	Medium	Medium	Medium	<p>Ensure all children are supervised at all time whilst on the farm and around exhibits. Do not allow them to climb on the machinery or reach into exhibits.</p>	Low
Allergies	Medium	Medium	Medium	<p>Ensure children with allergies to animals, hay, straw and dust are identified and treated accordingly throughout the visit.</p>	Low

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Hands-on experience (Biting / trampling)	Low	High	Medium	Ensure children stay seated during animal handling. Please ensure animals are only handled under close supervision. Warning signs are present. Ensure children are aware that animals must be treated with respect. Farm staff have control of animals at all times.	Low
Caterpillar Ride (Quad with trailers)	Low	High	Medium	Supervisors must aid children to get into and out of trailer. Ensure seat belt is fastened and children remain seated. Hands must be kept inside the trailer during the duration of the ride.	
Mini Cart Ride	Medium	Medium	Medium	Nobody to enter driving track while mini carts are in use. Only one person to ride per cart (unless an adult is accompanying under 2s) Warning signs must be observed.	Low

The farm is accessible to those in wheelchairs and with other mobility issues (with the exception of the upper floor of the pigeon coop.

Flooring is tarmac palings and some parts have steep hills so aid with pushing wheelchairs may be required for some areas.

Children must be supervised at all times.

Please ensure the careful supervision of hand washing at regular intervals.

Please make our staff aware of any special needs / requirements when booking the visit.

Disabled toilets are available. All sessions and tours are adaptable to the needs of each group.

First aid box - available from the pay desk.

Please arrange a designated meeting place in case of separation – we recommend either the ‘pay desk’ or ‘petting barn’.

Full supervision is required for children using the play area / toilets etc.

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