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IT IS ADVISED THAT THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE AND SCHOOLS/GROUPS ARE RECOMMENDED

TO CARRY OUT A PRE-VISIT AND CONDUCT THEIR OWN RISK ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO THE GROUP VISIT

LANCASTER PARK & ANIMAL FARM SCHOOL GROUPS RISK ASSESSMENT

(Version 1)

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

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

NEAREST NHS URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE (WALK IN): ROCHDALE INFIRMARY, WHITEHALL STREET, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE OL12 0NB. 01706 517 000

NON LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES: Call NHS 111 or use 111 Online for further advice.

Low = highly unlikely or harm level low **Medium = unlikely or harm level medium** **High= likely or harm level high**

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Walking from coach to entrance. Traffic (road private)	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Supervising Teachers are informed that they can off-load and upload the coach at the farm entrance. • Waiting area is provided inside the farm. Pupils should not wait in the carpark. • If not off-loaded at the entrance Supervising Teachers are advised to carefully supervise the crossing.	Low
Stranger danger/ Lost pupil	Pupils	High	High	High	• Ensure Supervising Teachers are aware that they are responsible for supervising children and are encouraged to stay in small manageable groups. • Regular headcounts are strongly recommended.	Low

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Slipping, tripping and falling	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Paths are maintained. • Supervising Teachers to inform parents that suitable footwear and clothing should be worn. Most of the farm paths are gravel. • Please do not venture onto poor ground in bad weather.	Low
Minor accidents eg cuts and grazes	Supervisors and pupils	High	Medium	High/Medium	• Equipment maintained, damaged equipment repaired or removed/securely cordoned off. • Farm Staff are first aid trained. • All accidents should be reported to a member of the farm staff, to be recorded in the Accident book and First Aid provided by trained First Aider.	Low
Risk of infection from animals	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• At the beginning of and throughout the visit Supervising Teachers should make sure everyone is aware of importance of hand washing with **soap and water**. **Disinfectant gels and wipes are not a substitute for using soap and water**. • Please remind the children to wash hands with soap and water after they have touched the animals/animal enclosures AND before they drink or eat. Please discourage children from putting their hands near their mouth or face during contact with the animals. • Hand washing facilities with soap and water provided at regular intervals around the farm. • Disposable gloves available to farm staff: at staff room upon arrival and at regular stations around the farm. • Hand washing reminder signs are situated at various places throughout the farm.	Low

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					• If any members of your group could be pregnant be aware of increased health risks (in particular with sheep, goats and cattle) **AND DO NOT PARTICIPATE WITH LAMB FEEDING ACTIVITY.**	
Accidental ingestion of animal medications	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Animal medications are kept in secure area which is inaccessible to visitors. • Staff provided with PPE (including safety boots, safety gloves, disposable gloves, dust mask, respirator, goggles). • Disposable gloves available to staff: at staff room upon arrival and at regular stations around the farm. • Human and animal medications should not be stored together. • Only trained or competent staff to administer animal medications. • Handwashing stations provided at various locations around the farm. • Fresh running ambient temperature water provided at various locations around the farm.	Low
Risk of injury by animals (biting/ trampling)	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• During animal petting sessions in the Petting Barn farm staff are present to supervise animals at all times. • Supervising Teachers are to supervise children at all times. • Supervising Teachers to 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. Ensure children do not chase any wild	Low

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					animals that may be present on the farm (eg. wild birds/geese) • Supervising Teachers and pupils must not enter any animal enclosures.	
Allergies	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Ensure Supervising Teachers and pupils with any allergies (especially to animals, hay, straw and dust) are identified and treated accordingly throughout the visit. • Hand washing facilities provided at various places around the farm. • Trained First Aider available on site at all times.	Low
Risk of drowning (Water/ ponds)	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Water and ponds are fenced off to prevent visitor access. • Supervising Teachers to ensure children do not climb on any fencing/gates/trees during the visit. • Provide water safety and rescue equipment.	Low
Farming equipment and displays open to view and touch.	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Supervising Teachers to ensure all children are supervised at all time whilst on the farm and around exhibits. • Do not allow pupils to climb on the machinery or displays or reach into exhibits	Low
Fire	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Incase of fire the fire assembly point is in the car park. Follow signs to nearest fire exit. • The farm is a smoke free site.	Low
Injury from use of play	Pupils	High	High	High	• Supervising Teachers supervision is required at all times. Play area is unmanned. • Observe safety signage at play areas.	Low

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parks and play equipment						
Caterpillar ride (barrels pulled by quad)	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Supervising Teachers and pupils must not enter ride space while ride is in operation. • Riders must meet the age/height requirement. Warning signs • Supervising Teachers to: - aid children to get on and off the ride. - ensure seat belt is fastened. - ensure children remain seated at all times. Hands must be kept inside the trailer during the duration of the ride.	Low
Rooster Rally (self drive mini quads) Digger Corner (self drive model diggers)	Supervisors and pupils	High	High	High	• Supervising Teachers and pupils must not enter ride space while ride is in operation. • Only one person to ride per cart (unless an adult is accompanying children who do not meet age/height requirement) Warning signs must be observed • Supervising Teachers to: - aid children to get on and off the ride. - ensure children remain seated at all times.	Low

- **If your visit is during March to June and you intend to participate in the Lamb Feeding Activity please contact us for our Lamb Feeding Activity Risk Assessment.**

The farm is accessible to those in wheelchairs and with other mobility issues.

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The ground is mainly gravel 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 with soap and water at regular intervals.
Please make our staff aware of any special needs / requirements when booking the visit.
Accessible toilets are available.
First aid - Please inform a member of staff if any member of your group requires first aid. The First Aid Room is by the Stables.
Please arrange a designated meeting place in case of separation – we recommend either the 'pay desk' or 'kiosk'.
Full supervision is required for children using the play area / toilets etc.

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Blank sheets for your use – for additions to our risk assessment / make specific to your group.

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