

Risk Assessment

Activity: School and Group Trips

Description: School and Group visits within the farm as part of the visitor attraction experience



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Please note: this risk assessment highlights key areas where risks could occur and actions taken by Blackberry Farm Park to alleviate them. It is not an exhaustive list and we recommend that teachers / leaders perform preliminary visits to familiarise themselves with Blackberry Farm Park. Free preliminary visits can be arranged.

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Current control measures
Injury through play equipment and rides	Staff Visitors	Park inspected and approved by Wealden District Council & Affinity Solutions Insurance Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual independent safety checks by Rosper • Annual service contracts, eg: specialist contractors for ride on vehicles etc • Every piece of equipment is individually risk assessed • Close relationship with Wealden District Council, inspections and advice reports • Accident report procedure in place • Equipment and play areas designed for 2-10 years old

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision of children required at all times and requirement printed on safety code boards • Age limit signage on some rides/equipment • High levels of trained staff on site • Higher risk rides, i.e. drop slide, barrel bugs etc. only run when staffed by trained employees • Daily visual checks, weekly safety checks and routine checks take place throughout the year and are recorded • Maintenance staff available every day • Vehicle rides take place in fenced off and gated track • Good signage around Park • Affinity Solutions liability insurance to £5,000,000
Car park arrival	Staff Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We request that children remain on coach whilst staff check in • Staff then assist groups into the park safely
Injury from animals, accident, fire or general park	Staff Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All council and independent advice considered and actioned • Warning signs about animals in barn and signs around farm • Secure chains on animal pens • Trained first aid and fire marshal staff • First aid • Lost child and emergency procedures in place • Radio communication between staff across the park • All animal areas and equipment risk assessed
Infections from animals (zoonosis), incl E.coli 0157	Staff Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand wash basins with hot running water, soap and paper towels at exit from both animal contact areas, plus feet and buggy wash stations at exits from farm walk and farm

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine daily cleaning and use of Ministry approved disinfectants throughout animal areas • Safety talk given to groups on arrival • Picnic areas away from animal areas • Daily visual checks, weekly safety checks and monthly routine checks take place throughout the year and are recorded • Good relationship with local vets and trading standards • Annual inspection for riding establishment licence and pet shop licence by vet and by council inspector • Quarterly animal health inspection by our vets • Information and link on website to HPA • Verbal advice to wash hands at the end of all animal handling sessions and pony rides • Discussion at staff meetings and induction • Trained livestock staff • Animal-free access to play area • No 'visiting' dog policy • Daily facility checks, clean and top ups • Routine washing of animal barn floors, fences and animal pens • Public only allowed to feed animals through feeding stations • Public eating areas away from animal areas • Animal faeces cleared from pens daily and removed from Farm Park by covered trailer • PPE on site for staff, ie masks, gloves etc
COVID-19 Additions	Staff Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff and visitors advised to follow social distancing guidelines with signs and staff control measures

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All staff and visitors encouraged to wash hands and use hand sanitiser throughout the trip• Staff to wear masks at all times• Smaller groups welcomed to aid social distancing, but class bubbles are accepted• Tuckshop fitted with protective screen and hand sanitiser with limits of one group at a time• Indoor picnic area cleaned after use• Tractor ride fitted with social distancing dividers• Barrel bug cleaned regularly on touch points• Animal handling limited to under 6 people or one bubble and masks must be worn by those of age• Outdoor play cleaned on touch points and jumping pillow monitored for social distancing• Clucky's indoor play and pony rides currently closed
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