

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR VISITS TO MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL FARM

<p>Other equipment for use with animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckets & other feeding equipment is provided for pupils to participate fully in activities 		<p>All animal feeding equipment/implements are checked on a regular basis</p>
<p>4. Environment/ Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parked farm vehicles & machinery in car park & other areas of the farm • Moving farm vehicles & machinery • Slips & falls in yard, pens or fields due to uneven ground or obstacles • Barbed wire and fences, Electric shock from fences in the fields • Injuries caused by animals – scratches, bites, pecks and being knocked to the ground • Farm dog present on site • Allergic reactions • Transmittable diseases/zoonoses e.g. E.coli 0157, Lyme disease, cryptosporidium, leptospirosis, avian flu, toxoplasmosis, ringworm 	<p>All pupils, visitors and staff on organised visits</p>	<p>Site checked on at least a daily basis when a group are visiting. Farm staff will be aware that children are on the site Pupils not allowed on farm vehicles or to wander in the farmyard. <u>All groups</u> will be accompanied by an adult when outside the classroom. The farm teacher must accompany any group when accessing the dairy aspects of the farm. Children are told not to touch tools/machinery. Foundation Stage & <i>Special School teachers should note that the yard gates must remain open for farm vehicle access during the day.</i> Clear instructions given not to run with many reminders</p> <p>Groups reminded to look, walk and not touch dangerous fencing or stand on any fence or gate. <u>1 field has an electric fence for the cattle</u>, rarely visited and very young children will not be taken there.</p> <p>Instructions given to staff and pupils to approach animals quietly and gently. Pupils only allowed to handle animals considered to be docile under close supervision. Normally visitors will stay outside the sheep paddock, pig sty & cattle pens. Current farm dog is friendly but boisterous, so pupils advised not to touch. Notify MPSF if any child or adult visitor is known to have a fear of, or allergy to, dogs.</p> <p>Teachers are asked to notify of known allergies e.g. nuts, eggs, wheat. If any signs of a reaction by a pupil or staff they should be removed from that part of the farm. Usual school meal guidelines also apply here re food allergies.</p> <p>All staff to follow Access to Farms 'Advice to Teachers & Others who organise visits for schools' code of practice <u>Updated April 2021</u> Initial session will emphasise hand washing with warm water & soap after touching animals & feed, & before eating & drinking. Close supervision of pupils when using toilets & sinks.</p>

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<p>6. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accidents to any pupils or adult visitors • Fire • Danger from escaped animals in farmyard, fields or adjoining land • Centre Manager/Teacher suffers sudden illness or injury • Outbreak of Foot and Mouth or other transmittable diseases and infections on this or nearby farms • Transmission of avian flu from wild birds to poultry. • Adverse weather conditions - winter ice on lane or farmyard or snow • Summer heat leading to risk of heat stroke as farm has little shade in the fields or yard 		<p>All visiting schools to be made aware of emergency procedures displayed in the Centre. In the event of an accident the farm teacher will complete an accident form, kept in white cabinet in classroom. If this involves a school pupil or staff member the form must be taken back to school with a photocopy kept at the farm. Near misses to be recorded and procedures reviewed.</p> <p>The Fire Safety policy details evacuation procedures, assembly point and contacts. Fire exits are kept clear and labelled, annual contract for extinguisher checks. Pupils to remain together & return to classroom until farmer & Centre Manager/Teacher deem it safe to return outside</p> <p>Visiting staff to be aware of their responsibilities: ring 999, complete accident form, arrange with school for early return. Essential phone nos. are displayed in the corridor. Farmer to be informed.</p> <p>The farm would be immediately closed to <u>all</u> visitors & schools will be notified. Daily liaison between farmer & Centre staff to follow all government guidance.</p> <p>Depends on the level of risk as declared by Defra and APHA. If Avian Flu restrictions are imposed, chickens must be fed/watered away from wild bird contact and kept in the covered area.</p> <p>Guidelines on appropriate clothing available at the farm. CM to advise coach company & school if lane is unsafe for driving Level of risk to be continuously assessed Revised summer programme with extra drink breaks and time indoors. Visitors advised to bring sun caps/hats.</p>
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Date of assessment 12th September 2022

Review Date September 2023 or earlier

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Date.....

MPSF Trustee