



Risk Assessment for Schools

Health and Safety Rules

When interacting with animals, there is a risk that diseases can be transmitted to humans. Zoonosis is where an infection or virus can be passed from animal to human. These risks are most likely to occur with hand to mouth contact. However, the risk is small for children and adults to contract zoonosis if thorough care is involved.

1. There is at least 1 adult for every 8 children.
2. Wash your hands thoroughly (30 seconds) using soap and running water **before and after** touching animals.
3. Do not allow children to kiss animals or drink from water troughs.
4. Do not climb or enter animal enclosures.
5. Ask children not to put their hands in their mouths before washing hands.
6. Do not eat or drink when touring the farm.
7. Only eat and drink in designated eating areas.
8. All first aid incidents must be reported to the farm.
9. Wear suitable clothing for weather.
10. Ensure everyone stays in their group.
11. Smoking and vaping is not permitted on the farm. There is a designated smoking area in the car park.
12. Pregnant people should not interact with lambs and goat kids. Visit [Pregnancy: advice on contact with animals that are giving birth - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/urls/pregnancy-advice-on-contact-with-animals-that-are-giving-birth) for more information.

Washing Hands

MONK PARK FARM

HAND WASHING



Not Drinking Water



Animals can pass germs on to humans. You must wash your hands before leaving the petting barn. Thank you.

Matrix

Likelihood		Injury Outcome		Damage Outcome	Risk Level Scores
5	Certain to happen	Death or Permanent Disability	5	Total Destruction	10 – 25 High Risk
4	Likely to happen	Hospitalisation	4	Significant Damage	
3	Possible	Treatment by Local Doctor/Vet	3	Maintenance required before use can continue	7 – 9 Medium Risk
2	Unlikely to Happen	F/A Treatment	2	Repairs completed without disruption	
1	Rare occurrence	Discomfort	1	Slight Scratches	1 – 6 Low Risk

Multiply the likelihood by the Severity and the result is the Risk Level

Name of person(s) completing the risk assessment: Mark Navin		Date: 11/12/2023			
Hazard Identified	Hazard Causation	Existing Controls	Risk Analysis with all controls in place		
			Likelihood	Outcome	Risk Level
General					
Risk of injury from weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slipping Heat Exposure Sunburn Wind Exposure Cold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of the farm that are hugely impacted by weather to be monitored on a daily basis Provide customers with extra shading by providing umbrellas and shaded areas. Keeping out wet floor signs inside buildings if raining excessively Staff to be vigilant of all customers and support if needed. 	1	3	3
Risk of injury from slips trips and falls to customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips trips and falls Falls from climbing on fences and equipment Cuts and bruises from falling off equipment Tripping over steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety information given to visitors in the form of a leaflet, information sent with pre booked tickets and reinforced by signs posted around the premises. Children must always be supervised throughout their time on the farm. Play equipment meets requirements of current EU legislation. Fences, gates and tables are maintained in good working order. Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	2	2	4
Lost Child		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage around the farm to always supervise children Staff to be vigilant around the farm and raise concerns to management (preferably not said on the radio) 	4	5	5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child states their lost. Ask management to meet them as soon as possible, without stating there is a lost child on the radio • Management to supervise child at all times until parent/guardian is found. 			
Fire Evacuation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff and customers to leave farm immediately • Do not go through another building to get to fire point • All staff and customers to meet at fire point • Any absences to be taken account for and addressed to management. 	1	5	5
Risk of injury to customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals Biting, Butting, Scratching • Large crowds of people gathering • Younger children being knocked over and hurt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals are kept inside an enclosure so only contact is through a fence. • Using young animals so not very strong or have developed teeth. • Visitors are advised what animals can and can't be hand fed. • Queue system is in place to stop overcrowding and pushing from visitors. • Staff are trained to stop the activity if crowd safety is an issue. • Visitor maximum numbers limited per day 	1	1	1

Car Park					
Risk of collision with other vehicles and customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collision in the car park with other vehicles or customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children must always be supervised when exiting and boarding transport, supervisors should be aware of other vehicles in the area. Good lighting in car park with no obstructions. No vehicles allowed to drive around the farm during opening hours, except for in the carpark and farm vehicles. Paths and roadways maintained in good condition. 	2	5	5
Toilets					
Risk of infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infections or illnesses due to uncleanliness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customers to thoroughly wash hands Toilets are checked every 2 hours by a member of staff Designated cleaner ensure the toilets are kept at a high cleanliness standard throughout the day Staff to 	2	3	3
Animal Barn					
Risk of illness to Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracting Zoonosis from animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Gates and barriers separating customers and animals are disinfected frequently. Area is staffed at all times and verbal instructions about washing hands is given. Signs highlighting the importance of handwashing are provided. 	1	5	5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflet is given on arrival with instructions to wash hands after leaving animal contact areas. • Animals are removed from public contact when activity is over. • Only healthy lambs and Goats over the age of 4 weeks old are used for the activity. • Adult supervision is encouraged especially for younger children. • Activity is supervised by Monk Park Farm Staffed who have adequate training. • Queue System for the activity for ease of supervision. 			
Risk of illness to Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting Zoonosis from Piglets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is staffed at all times and verbal instructions about washing hands is given before and after the activity. • Pigs are wrapped in a fleece blanket covering legs and bums by farm staff. • Customers told not to put fingers in mouths of Piglets. • Customers must use one of blankets provided by Monk Park farm, own blankets prohibited for use. • Blankets to be used once and disposed of or washed at a minimum of 70 degree wash. • Extra Signs highlighting the importance of handwashing are provided in the Pig snuggle enclosure. • Children encouraged to wash hands by offering a sticker which can be collected from the handwash station 	1	5	5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflet is given on arrival with instructions to wash hands after leaving animal contact areas. • Animals are removed from public contact when activity is over. • Only healthy Piglets are used, any Piglets showing signs of illness are not used and are monitored. • The Animals permanent pen is mucked and cleaned out twice daily. • Adult supervision is encouraged especially for younger children. • Activity is supervised my Monk Park Farm Staffed who have adequate training. • Queue System for the activity for ease of supervision. 			
Risk of injury from slips trips and falls to staff and customers (Barn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips trips and falls in the Animal Barn • Falls from climbing on fences and walls • Cuts and bruises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Barn floor is kept clear of debris and swept regularly. • The barn floor is rough concrete and has excellent grip even in wet conditions. • Any spillages are cleaned up and wet floor signs present or barriered off in severe cases. • Lights are on all the time for improved visibility. • Visitors are encouraged not to climb walls or fences through leaflets and signage. • Barn is Supervised by a member of staff • Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	2	2	4

Feeding Stations

Risk of injury to customers (Feeding stations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BumBiting • Slipskn • Trips • Falls • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must always be supervised while on the feeding stations, they should use the handrails provided while walking up the steps. • Close feeding platform if icy. 			
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Play Area

Risk of injury from slips trips and falls to customers on play equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips trips and falls in the • Falls from climbing on fences and equipment • Cuts and bruises from falling off equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety information given to visitors in the form of a leaflet, information sent with pre booked tickets and reinforced by signs posted around the premises. • Children must always be supervised throughout their time on the farm. • Play equipment meets requirements of current EU legislation. • Fences, gates and tables are maintained in good working order. • Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	2	2	4
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Risk of injury in Go Kart Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidents in Go Kart area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Electric Go Karts are running supervisors must ensure their children do not run onto the track. Fences, gates and tables are maintained in good working order. Children must always be supervised throughout their time on the farm Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	1	2	2
Injury from inflatable pillows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips or falls from pillows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When pillows are running, all children must be supervised by an adult Large pillows are for children are to be used by older children and teenagers Little pillow is to be used by small children and toddlers Shavings are swept every day to ensure no holes or dips as children leave pillow If wet or icy, pillows must be closed. Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	1	2	2

<p>Injury from Train Ride</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slips • Falls • Bumps • Bruises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers must wait on platform before boarding train • Boarding train must be supervised by a member of staff • Platform to be clear during train running • Children to be supervised by an adult if under 3. • Straps to be placed on carriages before moving. • Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Risk of injury to Customers on Barrell rides</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling out • Jumping out • Damage to vehicle or barrels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety information given to visitors in the form of a leaflet, information sent with pre booked tickets and reinforced by signs posted around the premises. • Children must always be supervised throughout their time on the farm. • Vehicle regularly maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations including brakes and tyres. Records kept. • Seat belts provided and required to be worn. • Children told to keep arms inside the barrel. • Ensure staff complete daily Job Forms and state play area has been checked thoroughly for signs of damage. 	<p>2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>

Event Activities					
Risk of injury to customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls • Slips • Accidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff to be trained in event area before leading activity • Children supervised during activity • All activities to be supervised by an adult 	2	2	2
Pond Area					
Risk of water injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowning • Waterborne pathogens • Leptospirosis • Slips • Falls • Hypothermia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponds slopes are gentle from the banks and relatively shallow. • Banks are maintained and life rings are provided. • Children should be instructed prior to visit to stay away from the water's edge. • Supervisors should ensure that children do not go too close. 	1	4	4