

GROUP VISIT RISK ASSESSMENT – FARMER PARR’S ANIMAL WORLD

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.

FARMER PARRS ANIMAL WORLD, ROSSALL LANE, FLEETWOOD, LANCASHIRE FY7 8JP - 01253 874389.

NEAREST A&E – BLACKPOOL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, WHINNEY HEYS ROAD, BLACKPOOL FY3 8NR – 01253 300 000

NEAREST NHS ‘WALK-IN’ CENTRE – WHITEGATE HEALTH CENTRE, WHITEGATE DRIVE, BLACKPOOL FY3 9ES – 01253 655 871.

FLEETWOOD SAME DAY HEALTH CENTRE - HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE – Dock Street, Fleetwood – FY7 6HP – 0300 123 1144.

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 the coach to the entrance (60 yards). Traffic risk.	Low	High	Medium	Coaches are welcome to up-off load the coach right at the entrance gate if they prefer. If up/off loading coaches occurs in the car park it is only a short walk across a no-through road to the entrance. 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. Our function room provides a safe secure environment to eat lunch and use washrooms. Regular head counts are recommended.	Low
Slipping, tripping / falling	Medium	High	Medium	Paths are swept regularly. Teachers to inform parents that suitable footwear and clothing should be worn. Most of the farm paths are concreted. Please don't venture onto poor ground in bad weather. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run about.	Low
Animal handling. Biting risk. Plus knocking and trampling.	Medium	High	Medium	Please ensure animals are only handled under close supervision. When in the animal barns please ensure children are closely supervised at all times. Do not enter the animal pens unless instructed to do so. Ensure children are aware that animals must be treated with respect.	Low

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Risk of infection from animals.	Low	High	Medium	<p>We make sure everyone is aware of the importance of hand washing during our safety talk at the beginning of the visit.</p> <p>Hand wash basins and sanitising stations are situated at regular intervals around the farm.</p> <p>Reminder signs are positioned 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 and before they leave the farm.</p> <p>Please discourage children from putting their hands near their mouths during contact with the animals.</p>	Low
Weather. Heat exposure, sunburn, cold weather	Medium	Medium	Medium	<p>Teachers are advised to ask children to wear suitable clothing for the time of year.</p> <p>That includes suntan cream in summer.</p> <p>Warm protective clothing and foot wear in winter.</p> <p>Most of the farm is concreted so wellingtons are not essential but maybe useful.</p> <p>A lot of the farm is undercover – but being prepared with waterproof coats is recommended at all times of year due to changeable weather.</p>	Low
Water / ponds. We have 3 fenced ponds in total within the animal farm.	Low	High	Medium	<p>Fenced ponds - The ponds are a great environment for ducks and wildlife and are worth a look.</p> <p>We ensure all pond fencing is secure, safe and not accessible by children unless fences are climbed over.</p> <p>Please ensure children do not climb on any fencing / gates / trees during the visit.</p> <p>Lifebuoys are positioned around the ponds.</p> <p>Warning signs are also in place.</p>	Low

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Equipment in museum open to view and touch.	Medium	High	Medium	Ensure all children are supervised at all times whilst in the museum. Do not allow them to climb on the machinery or reach into exhibits. Warning signs are present in the museum. Stanchions are in place around most of the machinery.	Low
Allergies	Medium	Medium	Medium	Ensure children with allergies to animals, hay, straw and dust are identified and treated accordingly throughout the visit.	Low
Pregnant Sheep Health risk to pregnant women.	Low	High	Medium	We ensure there is signage next to our pregnant sheep advising pregnant women to keep clear and wash their hands thoroughly. They should have no contact with pregnant ewes, newborn lambs or the birth products of sheep and goats.	Low
Play area – Outdoor Risk of falling, slipping, tripping.	Medium	High	Med/High	Children must be supervised at all times. Play equipment is checked regularly. Signs are in place. Bark chips are in place at the base of all equipment.	Low
Play area indoor: Bouncy Castle. Risk of collisions and falling.	Medium	High	Medium	Supervision is required if children use this equipment. Signage with safety rules are in place. Only 10 children allowed at any one time. Shoes, glasses, jewellery and badges must be removed. Bouncy castle meets EN14960 safety standards.	Low
Play area indoor: Ball pit Risk of bumps and scrapes.	Low	Medium	Med/Low	Supervision is required if children use this equipment. Signage is in place. Please do not allow pit to become over-crowded. Shoes are to be removed.	Low

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Animal show / hands-on (Biting / trampling)	Low	High	Medium	Ensure children stay seated during show. Farm staff have control of animals at all times. Ensure alleyways between the chairs are kept wide enough for animals to pass through - as laid out by our staff.	Low
Pony rides. Falling off Being kicked/ knocked.	Medium	High	Medium/high	Staff will give clear instructions – please ensure your pupils listen. Protective head gear to be worn during the ride. Please ensure the children do not climb on the gates. Only 2 rides happen at any one time – the rest of the children are to wait outside. The ponies are lead at walking pace only. Another member of staff walks along side holding either the child or saddle.	Low
Tractor rides Falling / tripping. Bumps. Vehicle accident.	Medium	High	Med/High	Trailer has high sides to prevent falling. The ride can be bumpy – please ensure children with unsuitable health concerns do not go on this ride. Children must remain seated at all times. Member of school staff must accompany children. Farm staff will help with the boarding process. The tractor and trailer are inspected regularly. The tractor travels at a sensible pace.	Low
Bees, Wasps & Insects. Stinging and Biting.	Low	Medium	Med/Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps pose little risk unless provoked. Our Beehives are situated on the outskirts of the farm and are sign-posted. They form part of our ‘Conservation Corner’ – which has been left to grow naturally. Any person with a serious allergy to bee stings may wish to avoid this area. Bees especially do not sting unless provoked.	Low

PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW:

Please undertake a pre-visit checklist for the children on safety aspects including allergies, disabilities, clothing, covering of cuts etc which may be relevant to your visit.

You will be given a welcome and safety talk when you arrive on the farm.

Please also ensure the correct ratio of pupil's assistants / supervisors; Farmer Parr's staff are not responsible for the supervision of children.

The farm is accessible to those in wheelchairs and with other mobility issues (with the exception of the upper floor of the museum and some of the paddocks). Most of the farm consists of concrete pathways.

Children must be supervised at all times. Full supervision is required for children using the play area / toilets / cafe etc.

Please ensure the careful supervision of hand washing at regular intervals – especially before eating and leaving the farm.

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

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

First aid box - available from the cafe.

Please arrange a designated meeting place in case of separation.

If you would like to purchase souvenirs for your group please mention this and a suitable option for your budget can be arranged.

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

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