

RISK ASSESSMENT SCHOOL VISITS AT WHITEWOOL FARM

Department: All	Site: Whole Farm
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Task Description – Organised school visits including young children and teachers.	
Personnel Affected: Tour guides, teachers and pupils.	
Potential Hazards	Control Measures
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoonoses transmitted from cows and calves to humans causing disease. 2. Farm chemicals or veterinary products causing burns/poison. 3. Bacteria in unpasteurised milk can causing serious illness. which can be serious particularly for young children, elderly and pregnant people. 4. Slips or trips – physical injury 5. Being transported in farm transport – knocks and bruises or small risk of traffic accident. 6. Impact/crashes from moving vehicles in area. 7. Children not being seen by farm machine operators. 8. Children getting separated from group. 9. Lack of first aid provision. 10. Injury from fire 11. Injury from electrics 12. Illness/allergic reaction caused by provision of refreshments 13. Allergic reaction caused by farm dust/substances. 14. Scratches/infection from barbed wire fences. 15. Splinters 	<p>The Farm Directors must ensure:</p> <p>That the farm is a safe and welcoming environment for school visits.</p> <p>That any machinery, equipment, transport (tractor and trailers) that are being used is safe and up to legal standards and requirements.</p> <p>Farm tour guide must: Provide a safety briefing to the group (see below).</p> <p>Ensure that children are safe from general farm hazards such as stored chemicals, vehicle movements, unattended machinery, bales, heights and gasses, dust and deep water.</p> <p>Keep the group away from operating areas, where they might be hurt by moving vehicles, falling objects (e.g straw bales) and other hazards.</p> <p>Ensure that children don't climb on bales, animal feed or stored crops.</p> <p>Ensure that machinery or equipment that children are around is safe and unable to accidentally start or cause injury.</p> <p>Ensure the group is safe around livestock, for example barriers/fences between the group and animals.</p> <p>Not allow children or adults to try raw milk.</p> <p>Provide disinfectant hand gel for after children have been close to the animals.</p> <p>Ensure the group is safe around the fishing lakes, deep water and flying hooks.</p> <p>All Teachers must: Ensure adequate supervision of the children at all times by having the adult/child ratio on the visit, who are being aware of hazards and in control of the children.</p> <p>Ensure that all children are accounted for and in their appropriate groups at all times.</p> <p>Ensure that children are behaving safely and appropriately for the environment. For example, no shouting or running around near the livestock.</p>

<p>16. Infection from slurry/dung bacteria</p> <p>17. Crushing and injury from cows, particularly if spooked.</p> <p>18. In the parlour - Injuries from clusters coming off of cows and kicks from cows.</p> <p>19. Children starting static machinery by playing on it.</p> <p>20. Illness from animal feeds, if the children decide to eat it.</p> <p>21. Deep water/slurry lagoons – danger of drowning.</p> <p>22. Gasses - slurry and chemical.</p> <p>23. Children picking and eating poisonous berries/plants.</p> <p>24. Risk of bites from animals – dogs, calves.</p> <p>25. Fly fishing hooks on the cast. – can catch people on the back cast.</p> <p>26. Transmission of contagious and infectious diseases. (Covid 19)</p>	<p>Have adequate first aid for the group they're bringing with them and ensure that the farm tour guide is aware of particular risks, such as asthma, epilepsy, anaphylactic shock.</p> <p>Ensure that social distancing rules and other pandemic rules are observed as required.</p> <p>All Children must: Be aware of slips and trips hazards.</p> <p>Be aware of the dangers of deep water and fly fishing hooks.</p> <p>Wear appropriate clothing/footwear for the environment.</p> <p>Be calm and quiet around the livestock.</p> <p>If milking, be aware of the risks in parlour – clusters coming off, cow kicking.</p> <p>If travelling on a trailer, be seated or firmly holding on, if standing. Taking care when entering and exiting. Follow safety instructions from farm staff.</p> <p>Wash hands with soap and water prior to eating and drinking, after removing soiled footwear etc. Children to be supervised to ensure appropriate hand washing.</p> <p>Children disinfect or wash hands immediately after any physical contact with cows.</p> <p>Receive a safety information briefing, which includes communicating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farm emergency procedures. - To not to climb on bales, animal feed or stored crops. - To stay in the group. - To not run/shout around the animals. - To stay away from deep water, unless supervised. - To wash their hands before eating and drinking. - To use disinfectant hand gel after being with the animals. - To do what they are instructed by teachers and farm guide. - What to do if they require the toilet. - What to do if they are feeling unwell. - What to do if they get lost/split from the group. - How to handle specific risks to the tour.
<p>Actions Required – Ensure that schools and children are adequately briefed before starting a school visit.</p>	
<p>Overall Risk Factor Without Controls – Medium With Controls - Low</p>	