

RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

FOR PLAYDALE FARM PARK

It is important that you as a Group Leader carry out your own Risk Assessments relevant to your visit. To arrange a complimentary visit to the farm to carry out your Risk Assessment please ring PLAYDALE on 01723 586351. A member of our team would be more than happy to guide you with this.

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On Site Activity	Risks and Risk Level	Post Action Risk Level	Controls Already in Place and Action Required by Visitors and Staff
Farm Visit (Weather)	Slipping, falling, heat exposure, sunburn, wind exposure. Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc.	Low	Please ensure that all children have sufficient protection for all types of weather. For inclement weather children must be adequately dressed with a waterproof coat and wellingtons/sturdy footwear. In hot weather we advise sunhats and sun cream are worn at all times. Visitors, teachers and leaders should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take adequate precautions against slipping and falling.
Group Supervision	Slipping, tripping, falling, lost children Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc	Low	The supervision of the children remains the responsibility of the parents, teachers or group leaders at all times during the visit. Our staff can only guide groups providing there are additional adults present at all times. We advise leaders to make a preliminary visit to the farm prior to the main group visit.
Alighting from Vehicles	Slipping, tripping, falling, injury from other vehicles Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc	Low	The car park will be in use by other vehicles, therefore please ensure that children are closely supervised when they alight from the coach. Keep the group together and away from traffic, make sure children are instructed not to run in the car park.
Running, uneven surfaces, road and path edgings, climbing on objects	Slipping, tripping, falling Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc	Low	Visitors should take care when walking around the site. We advise all visitors to wear sensible and appropriate footwear to match the conditions on the day of the visit, contact the farm if unsure. Visitors should take care at steps, road and path edges to avoid tripping and falling. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run, climb walls, gates or other objects situated on or around the site.

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Site Traffic	Knocked down	Low	No public vehicles are allowed in the main visitor area during our opening times, except in emergencies & emergency vehicles. Occasionally light weight farm traffic by trained staff may be used.
Straying into prohibited areas	Various Hazards	Low	It is the Supervisors responsibility to ensure that children are instructed not to go beyond the designated areas. Prohibited areas are indicated, sectioned off & are only accessible to staff.
Pond	Slipping, tripping, falling Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc	Low	The welfare of the children remains the responsibility of the parent, teacher or group leaders at all times during the visit. Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb railings that are surrounding the pond and not to enter the pond area for any reason. The pond is on the outside of the Farm Park perimeter.
Feeding Animals	Biting, scratching, itching, eye contact and risk of reaction from animal or feed. Allergy, Infection, Scratches, cuts	Low	<p>Visitors should only touch animals in the designated feeding areas namely Animal Barn. Please ensure there is adequate group supervision according to the age of your group, warning signs are in place where animals may bite. When feeding the animals ensure that the hand is flat and fingers straight. Please adhere to the 'Please Do Not Feed' signs that are placed beside animals.</p> <p>Supervisors should ensure that children wash their hands with running water and liquid soap after touching the animals. Please DO NOT use gels or wipes instead of hand washing.</p> <p>It is advised that Pregnant Women DO NOT touch the sheep or goats whilst on the farm. Hand washing is imperative.</p>
Straw Barn	Bruises, Abrasions	Low	Straw padded floor & fall height no greater than a single bale. Supervisors should recognise a dust allergy risk.

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Pet Handling	Zoonosis (infection from animal to human)	Low	<p>Supervisors should advise and ensure that children do not put their hands in their mouths whilst on the farm.</p> <p>Ensure that children wash their hands with warm water & soap before drying their hands and leaving the farm and before eating.</p> <p>Designation of the petting area into 'animal areas' with associated washing facilities and signage displayed in addition to direct verbal advice provided at the time of petting.</p> <p>Daily stock checks.</p> <p>Animal faeces waste controls in place.</p> <p>Animals in pens waste to ground with minimal risk of wash off to public areas.</p> <p>Supervision of visitors on the site as far as is practicable.</p> <p>Public and school trip children informed of the risks as far as is practicable.</p>
Animal Zoonosis	Various Infection	Low	<p>Supervisors should be aware that there is always a risk from infection in all environments, the Countryside and agricultural establishments are no exception.</p> <p>Supervisors should ensure that everyone in their Care wash their hands with liquid soap and running water before handling food or drink and before exiting the farm.</p> <p>Disinfectant gels are not a substitute for using soap and water and is only a temporary measure until you reach hand washing facilities.</p> <p>It is advisable to ensure that a waterproof dressing protects any existing cuts or abrasions.</p> <p>Please also remind the children NOT to put their fingers in their mouth after touching or feeding the animals, as this is difficult to control with younger children.</p> <p>All Stock are inspected on a daily basis prior to opening.</p> <p>Advice taken from – HSE Supplement AIS 02</p> <p>We advise that all children under the age of 3 years DO NOT touch the animals.</p>

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Play Barn & Soft Play Area	<p>Falling, tripping, slipping, colliding, and climbing.</p> <p>Sprains, bruises, abrasions, etc</p>	Low	Daily visual check of all equipment and play area as per schedule and completion of external inspection sheet & soft Play area inspection sheet by a member of staff. All surfaces meet British Standard relating to safety in playgrounds, which in this case mainly safety tiles. Parents & Carers must supervise children in their care. No running. No footwear is allowed on play equipment but socks MUST be worn. All frameworks are covered with protective soft material.
Indoor Pedal Tractor Zone	Bruises, abrasions	Low	Fitted carpet, padded perimeter barrier in an enclosed non pedestrian area. All equipment checked daily for breakages.
Outdoor Play Area	<p>Falling, tripping, slipping, colliding, and climbing.</p> <p>Sprains, bruises, abrasions.</p>		Daily visual check of all equipment and play area as per schedule and completion of external inspection. All surfaces meet British Standard relating to safety in playgrounds, which in this case is rubber mulch. Parents & Carers must supervise children in their care.
Barrel Train Ride	Falling from or being run over by mule or barrels	Low	<p>Staff supervision, only trained staff drive the barrel train ride, all with full driving licence and aged over 18 years or over.</p> <p>Passengers advised not to attempt to exit until fully stopped and drivers have left towing vehicle (Mule).</p>
	Equipment Failure- Injury		<p>Daily checks of Mule & Barrel Train as per schedule only trained / authorised drivers.</p> <p>Seat belts are checked by the driver before departure and passengers must be advised to keep arms and legs within the barrel at all times.</p> <p>Maximum speed: 5 mph Recommended Age: 3 Years upwards</p>
	Unauthorised access to track		Supervising adult visitors advised to monitor their children outside the track area.

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Pedal Go-Karts	Collision (general) & impact injury	Low	Visitors are requested to ensure that the go-kart seat is correctly adjusted to ensure comfort and safety for every visitor & advised to travel in a clockwise direction.
	Participant run over	Low	Visitor participants are advised not to get out of their go-karts in the middle of the track but on the edge or in the pit lane.
	Body parts trapped in vehicle	Low	Check prior to commencing the activity that all chains guards are securely fitted in place.
	Equipment Misuse	Low	All pedal go-karts are for family use and visitors are asked to behave responsibly whilst in the Farm Park environment. Staff make regular patrols to ensure compliance.
	Poor Vehicle Control	Low	Supervisors requested to ensure that the go-kart seat is correctly adjusted to ensure comfort and safety for every visitor.
	Unauthorised access to track	Low	Supervisors advised to monitor children outside the track area.
	Objects thrown up from the track and hitting users	Low	Track maintained regularly, daily checks carried out. Checks should include the condition and cleanliness of track surface.
Spectating at Pedal Go-Karts	Spectator run over	Low	Visitors not participating are advised NOT to stand on the track where they may be hit by a moving vehicle, but instead should stand behind the wooden barriers provided.
	Unauthorised access to track		Supervisors advised to monitor children outside the track area.
Electrical Equipment	Fire, Electric Shock Burns, minor to serious	Low	Visitors should not come into direct contact with any electrical equipment during your visit however if you do so, please DO NOT touch or interfere with, as this equipment as it may cause harm. Electrical work is carried out and professionally maintained by qualified electricians. Regular checks are made on all electrical equipment for damage or signs of wear.

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Fire	Various hazards, panic, loss of control Burns, inhalation of smoke	Low	Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out for the farm and adequate controls are in place. In case of fire, supervisors should ensure that the children in their care go to the fire assemble point at the top of the Animal Paddocks. Supervisors should ensure that a roll call is taken of their charges and liaise with staff.
Chemical Substances	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact	Low	Chemicals are used around the farm, all safety precautions are taken to ensure visitors do not come into contact with chemicals. Chemicals are stored securely in a locked secure area.
Display & Events	Various	Low	Displays & demonstrations are controlled by their own Risk Assessments; these are produced in respect of each activity.
Bees, wasps, & insects	Stings Allergy	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the Countryside. Bees and wasps pose no risk unless provoked. If children are stung seek first aid from your assigned Guide or a nearby member of staff.
Pollen	Hay Fever & Asthma	Low Weather Dependant	Teachers & visitors should make themselves aware of the pollen count prior to the visit to the farm and take all necessary precautions. Ensure that asthma sufferers bring their inhalers.
Designated Eating Areas	Infection	Low	Only eat in Designated eating areas that have been allocated. Eating areas are animal free zones, any animal found in eating areas are to be removed immediately and the area cleaned appropriately. Eating areas are to be cleaned regularly with appropriate cleaning materials. Staff are to ensure that soap and water is available at all times. Visitors are advised to wash their hands after feeding the animals, before eating and smoking and before exit.
Wet Grass	Slipping, falling	Low	Supervisors & children should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take adequate precautions.

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Lambs & Pregnant Women	Miscarriage	Low (Spring)	<p>Female sheep (ewes) are sometimes infected with an organism called Chlamydia Psittaci, which can cause miscarriage in women.</p> <p>It is advised that Pregnant Women DO NOT touch the sheep or goats whilst on the farm. Hand washing is imperative.</p> <p>Visitors with concerns should notify a member of staff for more information.</p>
Avian Flu	Various Infection	Low	Several preliminary precautions are already in place. Advice has also been taken from DEFRA regarding Avian Flu and the situation is monitored during outbreaks.
Foot & Mouth / Blue Tongue	Various	Low	Advice is/will be taken from DEFRA regarding the situation in the event of an outbreak. A regional outbreak may result in the farm having to close. All pre-booked visits will be contacted and advised of the situation in such an event.

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