**Susan's Farm Risk Assessment**- School Visits 2023

All visits will be booked in advance.

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| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Potential** | **Controls in Place** | **Monitor Outcome** |
| Visitors will have symptoms of Covid-19 | Visitors pass it on to other visitors or members of staff | low | Original booking email to give instructions not to attend if any member of the group is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms  Previsit instructions to handwash upon arrival, handwashing signs pinned up.  Farm staff will remind visitors.  Handwashing materials clearly available. |  |
| Inappropriate behaviour | Visitors will chase the birds, annoy Chester, climb gates and fences | Medium | Guidance will be given to group upon arrival explaining the importance of being sensible on the farm.  Clear agreement re standards of behaviour and risk set out in disclaimer.  Appropriate adult supervision/ child:adult ratios.  Visitors with additional behavioural issues to be supported appropriately. |  |
| Twine left on floor /ground | Visitor falls having caught foot in twine | High | All twine to be picked up and kept in sacks or tied to gate or rail. |  |
| Vehicle / Traffic | Collision with group members on foot | Medium | Parents / staff dropping group members off to pull in carefully at the entrance gate and NOT drive down the track.  Entrance gate will be locked behind group once they have arrived to prevent unauthorised vehicles entering the site.  Anyone parking / driving to do proceed with care and under 10mph on rough track. |  |
| Keys left in quadbike ignition | Visitor will drive quadbike and be involved in an accident | Low | Keys are ALWAYS removed when quadbike not in use. |  |
| Water in pond | Visitor will fall in pond | Low | Visits to be booked and led by someone over 18 who has responsibility for the care of children in the group - make clear in the original booking. |  |
| Cow with young calf | Cow is aggressive towards visitor | Low | No entry signs to put on the gate where there are cows and calves.  All those working on the farm to always have a crook with them when in a field with cows and calves.  No school groups are allowed in field with cattle unless specifically permitted by farm staff and escorted. |  |
| Contact with lambing ewes | Pregnant woman get chlamydia or toxoplasmosis | Low | NO fertile woman that could be pregnant allowed to visit the farm at lambing time. |  |
| Contact with faecal material | Visitor contracts E.Coli 157 | High | Reminders given to visitors before starting the visit about hand washing.  Washing facilities easy to access.  All visitors to the farm to wash their hands with soap having visited the farm prior to eating, smoking. |  |
| Wet boardwalk | Visitor slips and falls, potentially into water | Low | Disclaimer.  Work with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to maintain boardwalks |  |
| Contact with water | Visitor contracts waterborne disease, cryptosporidium | Low | Reminder to handwash at the end of visit.  Disclaimer. |  |
| Needle left around | Visitor to farm gets needle stick injury | Low | All disposable needles are put in sharps box immediately after use.  All non-disposable needles kept in clearly marked box in lambing shed. |  |
| Injuries from branches | Visitors get hit by a branch as others are moving them;  A branch falls on them;  Dust from dry bark falls into  visitors eye. | Low | Disclaimer  Hedges and trees pruned as required. |  |
| Injury | Visitors are injured on the farm | Low | First aid kit in office.  Appropriate levels of first aid trained staff on site during visit.  Staff to assist/call for help as required. |  |
| Bee stings | Visitors may be stung by a bee, particularly in Eva's Orchard. | Low | Bee area roped off with no entry sign.  Visitors with severe allergies should not approach the bee hives  Sign at entry to Eva’s Orchards that visitors are not to pick up any fruit. |  |
| Missing persons | Participants getting lost / wandering from the group / site area | low | Maintain appropriate child: adult supervision ratio.  Visiting group leaders to carry out head counts.  Encourage participants to stay with their group.  Provide boundaries to allow for exploration. |  |
| Weather related conditions | Summer – Hayfever, heat/ sunstroke, dehydration  Winter – Hypo thermia  Slips, trips and falls on ice | Medium | Group members to be made aware that they will be surrounded by grass, vegetation, wildflowers etc. during the visit and to be responsible for their own hayfever medication as applicable (or responsible adult for a child).  Group members responsible for regular application of high factor sunscreen.  Groups to bring their own drinks bottles / water jugs can be provided.  Groups to bring suitable clothing for the weather. Shelter available in the education centre.  In snowy / icy conditions, weather forecasts checked in advance of the visit to assess safety. |  |
| Allergic reactions  (anaphylactic shock / Poisoning) | Visitors becoming unwell through eating or touching poisonous berries or fungi / mushrooms found at the site | low | If Susan’s farm provide food or snacks, group leaders are to make any allergies clear on the booking form.  While visitors are encouraged to learn about the hedgerow plants and fungi they experience, a full sensory exploration is not encouraged, and they should be briefed NOT to eat what they find; unless given explicit instructions safe to do so by a competent forager who has clearly identified the plant is safe to eat. For example, blackberries. |  |

Susan’s Farm CIO Disclaimer

Any under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

We understand that the tour takes place in fields where animals live. We will act responsibly, using a quiet tone of voice and moving away sensibly if we feel they are too close. We will not chase them.

We will not climb on the gates and leave them as we find them (open if open, closed if closed).

We understand that farm visits run the risk of exposure to germs such as E-coli. We will not eat whilst out and about on the farm. We understand we will have to wash our hands at the end of the visit.

We understand that the ground is uneven and there may be other hazards such as barbed wire, low branches or nettles and we are happy to take responsibility for our group with regards to this.

We confirm that none of the group members are displaying signs of Covid-19. These symptoms include:

* A high temperature
* A continuous cough
* A loss of sense of smell and taste

Anyone displaying these symptoms should remain at home and arrange to have a test for Covid-19

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Date: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..