



Health & Safety Notes for Teachers

<p>Is it safe to visit Farm Parks?</p>	<p>Hardys Animal Farm has a very high standard of cleanliness and animal health & welfare, in order to keep its visitors as safe as possible.</p> <p>Animals carry different germs to us, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they could cause ill health. The worst is the bacterium E coli 0157.</p> <p>We have a completely clear safety record from E Coli, however the bacterium must be considered as always present and proper handwashing is the best preventative measure against any risk.</p>
<p>Risk Assessments</p>	<p>We have an annual safety inspection carried out through an independent inspectorate ROSPA , have been completely risk assessed for insurance purposes and are in regular contact with East Lindsey District Council with regard to Health & Safety, new regulations etc.</p> <p>Every item on the Park is risk assessed and reviewed annually by our Safety Officers and written records are kept. A general risk assessment for school and group visits is available, however you are welcome to visit free of charge to carry out any assessments you wish before your visit. There is a staff member available any day to answer any questions you may have via email animalfarm@hardysanimalfarm.co.uk or by phone 01754 872267.</p>
<p>What should I do to make my visit as happy and healthy as possible?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover any cuts or grazes with waterproof dressings before visiting. • Stress to both adults and children the importance of washing hands thoroughly, with soap and water, after any animal contact and before eating. • Clean footwear and hands as necessary before leaving. • Only eat in designated areas, not near farm animals or in animal paddocks. • Do not taste or eat animal food. • Be aware of all children who may suck thumbs, fingers, pens or pencils and do not allow this practice whilst around the animal pens. Use the sanitiser foam before visiting animals as the taste will act as a reminder not to put hands into mouths. • Hardy's Animal Farm has sanitiser units all around the Farm. • Hardy's Animal Farm has wash hand basins at the main animal contact area, at the transition from the animal area to the play and eating area, and in all toilet facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not kiss animals. • There is a duck pond on the Farm, which is fenced to prevent access to the water. • The tractor track is fenced, gated and signed for safety. • Listen and follow instructions given by farm staff. • Group Leaders are reminded of the need to oversee that hand washing is carried out correctly prior to eating. This supervision is particularly important with young children or persons with learning difficulties. • Do not chase, frighten or torment the animals.
Is there a First Aid post?	The First Aid post is located at the main reception. All Farm staff wear blue or black uniforms and most carry mobile phones or radios – in an emergency call for help from any staff member. We have several fully trained first aiders working every day.
Does the Farm have public liability insurance?	Hardys Animal Farm is fully insured with Public Liability cover to the value of £10,000,000. A copy of the insurance certificate is available upon request.
What toilet facilities does the Farm have?	There are 2 toilet blocks with wash basins, hot and cold water, hand dryers or towels: The main toilet block is directly outside the Tearooms and Haystacks Playbarn and one inside Haystacks Tearooms. Toilets for the disabled are in both facilities.
What is the recommended adult to child ratios?	Supervision levels are recommended in the DfES (Department for Education and Skills) document "Health & Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits 1998". The DfES minimum supervision levels are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One adult for every 6 pupils in years 1-3 • One adult for every 8 pupils in years 4 onward
Where can I get more information about Farm Visits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.hardysanimalfarm.co.uk • www.farmsforschools.org.uk • www.nfu.org.uk • www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/agindex.htm • Countryside Foundation for Education Food Farming & Countryside Directory 02476 858261