

**SITE NAME:** Densholme Farm **OS GRID REFERENCE:** TA1843 330

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**FARMER:** Denys Fell

**EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS:** Farm Entrance, next to Wrygarth Inn  
on Hull Road, Great Hatfield.

**NEAREST HOSPITAL:** Hornsea Cottage, Minor Injuries, 9am—5pm  
7 days a week.

Schools are advised to undertake a pre-visit briefing and safety talk for pupils on aspects of the visit such as allergies, disabilities, covering of cuts and abrasions and any other relevant information. Sunstroke, hypothermia and dehydration are a significant risk when spending prolonged periods outdoors. Please ensure that pupils attend the visit with appropriate protection from the elements including warm clothing, hats, sunscreen and water. A member of farm education team will greet you on your arrival and give a brief introductory talk to the group about farm safety and discipline. Please ensure that the group has adequate supervision for the number of children attending.

#### **General notes:**

This risk assessment is intended to highlight typical risks likely to be encountered on a visit to the farm. The school must satisfy itself that supervision of their pupils is adequate and is advised to carry out its own assessment of the risks involved in such a visit. A member of the education team will always be on site to lead the visit and a staff member/trained volunteer will be with the group/s at all times. The only exception to this is when in the play area, this is to be fully supervised by visiting supervising staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the farm on 01964 535315 or at [education@densholme-action.co.uk](mailto:education@densholme-action.co.uk) if there are any questions or concerns relating to the visit.

The Health and Safety Executive publishes an information sheet about avoiding ill health at open farms.

Download from <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais23.pdf> .

Densholme Farm's Child Protection Policy and Fire Safety Policy can be found on our website documentation page along with other relevant documents: <http://www.densholmefarm-action.co.uk/documentation.php>

Activity or Hazard	Risk associated with activity or hazard	Likelihood 1 = low, 5 = high	Severity 1 = low, 5 = high	Combined Score 1 = low, 10 = high	Risk management
Alighting from coach	Slipping, tripping, falling, contact with other vehicles	2	5	10	Children should alight only when instructed to do so and the vehicle has stopped. Children will only disembark on the designated parking areas, not on the road side.
<b>Contact with animals</b>	Toxoplasmosis: abortion in pregnant women.	1	5	5	Pregnant women advised not to enter areas with recently born lambs.
<b>Infection</b>	Many and various	1	5	5	All visitors should be aware of risks of infection in any environment. Farms are no exception. Ensure hands washed after contact with animals and before eating. Any existing abrasions and cuts should be protected by dressing.
<b>Walking on the Farm</b>	Injury from slipping and falling; wet ground	2	4	8	Children made aware when ground is uneven, no running unless asked to as part of an activity. (i.e. Caterpillar hunting game) - only to play when ground is dry and on even surface.
<b>Trip hazards, mole holes, uneven ground, vegetation</b>	Slipping, tripping, falling.	3	3	6	Children instructed to stay with supervising adults. Trip hazards are pointed out to children.
<b>Stinging &amp; pricking plants</b>	Skin Reaction	1	2	3	Keep to paths. Alert adults and children to the possibility
<b>Stinging insects</b>	Skin reaction, anaphylactic shock	1	5	6	Alert adults and children to possibility and to remain aware. Stay away from beehives.
<b>Log/brush pile</b>	Tripping, scratched skin, climbing and slipping	1	3	4	Alert adults and children. Stay away from area.
<b>Branches on trees at eye height</b>	Children approaching tree without due care and bumps into branch end.	1	3	4	Alert adults and children. To follow footsteps of guide.
<b>Wet grass</b>	Slipping and getting wet.	1	1	2	Wear wellingtons. Stay on the path. Alert children and adults.

#### Note on Risk Levels:

The Risk Score indicates the likelihood of a hazard occurring. 1 is low, 5 is high. The Impact Score indicates the severity of the outcome of the hazard occurring. 1 is low, 5 is high.

The Combined Score is the Risk Score multiplied by the Impact Score and gives an indication of the risks that are the most severe.

Any Combined Score of 6 or above should be specifically noted and has been highlighted in yellow.

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<b>Handling animals</b>	Kicking, biting, crushing, trampling	1	5	5	Visitors will be warned not to enter animal pens unless under supervision of farm staff.
<b>Straying into prohibited areas</b>	Unidentified Hazards	3	2	6	Supervisors should ensure that children do not deviate from planned route. Children should be adequately supervised. Danger areas will be fenced off with visible danger signs.
<b>Electric and barbed wire fences</b>	Electric shock, injury.	2	3	6	Warn visitors of danger from electric and barbed wire fences. Plan route to avoid risk from this hazard. Switch off electric fence for duration of visit.
<b>Fungi, toadstools, poisonous plants</b>	Illness and poisoning	3	3	6	Warn visitors of risks from touching or eating plants from the farm or woodland
<b>Planting, harvesting, vegetable growing activities in the field</b>	Infection- bacteria contact	1	2	3	Advise visitors not to put hands near to their mouth after working with plants/soil. Ensure that hands washed using anti bacterial soap and rinsing in clean running water before eating.
<b>Planting, harvesting, vegetable growing activities in the field</b>	Injury from tools	1	5	6	Ensure that children are shown how to use tools safely. Divide class into small groups with adequate adult supervision.
<b>Pond Dipping</b>	Falling in water, possible drowning	2	5	10	Inform visitors of the risks associated with the activity. Keep visitors several metres back from edge of pond, and bring containers with samples of pond water and creatures
<b>Farm Operations</b>	Injury from working farm machinery, farm deliveries & collections, etc	1	3	4	Advise staff in advance of school visits. No vehicle movements to take place as children are moving around farm yard. Keep children together in a place visible to the driver and at a safe distance from any moving vehicle.
<b>Unspecified injury</b>	Injury from unstable buildings/unsecured large doors/gates/ladders	1	1	2	Ensure that gates, dual wheels, other equipment is secured and cannot fall. Brief visitors that they must not leave the group and venture into restricted areas of the farm unless given permission.
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	(Depending on time of year)	2	3	6	Ensure that children are suitably dressed with suitable outdoor footwear and work with teacher to adjust activities if children are too hot/cold or there is a risk of sun burn, etc
<b>Wind Farm Site</b>	Injury from farm traffic and routine maintenance work	1	4	4	Ensure that children and staff follow the instructions of the farm staff. Farm machinery will not enter wind farm site on school visits.
<b>Missing children</b>	Distress to child, danger of various injuries	1	5	5	Supervisors must allocate children to specific adult leaders. Leaders to check regularly that all children in their care are accounted for.
<b>Play area</b>	Slipping, Tripping, Falling	2	5	10	Teachers to decide if they want to use the play area at their own risk depending on ability of children. children to be supervised at all times. Area not to be used when it is damp.
<b>Fuels</b>	Explosion, fire	1	5	5	All fuels are safely stored and safety notices displayed. Supervisors must comply with notices.