

## Health and Safety

Hygiene is of utmost importance. Please remember to wash your hands after activities involving contact with the animals, before and after cooking (if this activity is offered), before eating lunch and also at regular intervals throughout the day. Please note that hands should be washed using running water and soap. **Alcohol hand gel is NOT a replacement for hand washing with soap and running water.**

Listed below are a few facts to help you keep safe during your visit to Barleylands:

- Please take note of safety signs around the farm
- Please ensure all hands are washed thoroughly after touching the animals and before eating
- Pupils should be supervised when using play equipment on the farm
- Socks must be worn at all times in the play barns
- Please try to minimise children putting their hands in or near their mouths, especially if the child uses a pacifier.
- Please be aware that some of our animals may bite
- Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult when riding the tractor.
- Pregnant ladies are advised not to touch sheep and lambs
- The first aid point for the farm is at the kiosk and any accidents should be reported to a member of staff
- The fire assembly point is situated in the car park.

## Farm Park Risk Assessment

Hazard or activity on the site	Risks associated with the hazards	Potential to cause harm	Controls already in place and action required by visitors
Running children	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Children must be supervised and instructed not to run on the site.
Wet grass	Slipping, falling, sprains	Low	Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take precautions against slipping and falling.
Uneven surfaces	Slipping, falling, sprains	Low	Supervisors and children should take care when walking and wear sensible footwear.
Road and path edgings	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Supervisors and children should take care at road and path edges to avoid tripping or falling.
Climbing of objects	Slipping, tripping, falling	High	Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb on walls, gates fences etc.
Car Park	Moving vehicles	High	Children must be controlled at all times when exiting and boarding the coach and tractor ride.
Main Road	Traffic	High	Children must be made aware of the road and supervisors must ensure that children stay away from the road.
Farm machinery	Moving vehicles	High	Supervisors must ensure that children stay together in their group and be aware that Barleylands is a working farm and large machinery does move around the farm.
Foreign objects	Cuts, burns, abrasions	Low	Supervisors should ensure that children do not pick anything up while on the farm, unless instructed to do so by member of staff.

Animals	Infection, biting, crushing & kicking	High	All animals on site are properly controlled. Your group will have a member of staff with you who will advise on which animals to touch/feed and how to do so. Supervisors must ensure that children wash their hands after handling the animals and especially before eating and drinking. (Wet wipes are not sufficient).
Bees, wasps, insects	Stings	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. bees and wasps pose low risk unless provoked.
Chemicals and substances	Inhalation, skin and eye contact	High	All substances and chemicals are all kept in a locked building away from the public.
Infection	Various	Low	Supervisors must ensure that children wash their hands after touching the animals and before having any food or drink. Any cuts or abrasions should be protected by a dressing. There is a first aid points on the farm should a dressing be required.
Petrol/diesel	Fire, explosion	High	The use of petrol and diesel driven equipment is monitored and controlled by the farm workers. All petrol and diesel tanks are locked to avoid access by the visitors.
Electrical equipment	Fire, electrocution	High	All electrical appliances are tested and inspected on a regular basis by the maintenance staff. Visitors should not touch or interfere with electrical equipment.
Straying into prohibited areas	Unidentified hazards	Low	Groups must stay with their group leader, supervisors should ensure that children do not wander off.
Buildings	Unstable floors/walls/roofs/falling debris	Low	Barleylands ensures the structural integrity of all buildings that children are allowed to enter.
Water	Falling in the water	Low	Children will be instructed by a member of staff to stay away from the edge of the water when feeding the ducks. Supervisors should ensure that children do not get too close.
Pond dipping	Direct access to pond edge. Bacteria in pond.	High Low	We have a fenced area and gated access. Children should be accompanied by an adult when pond dipping. Cuts must be covered and hands washed after activity. This will be covered in the health and safety talk.
Indoor and Outdoor Play areas	Falling, tripping	Low	Children should be supervised at all times.
Bouncy Pillow	Falling off, bouncing into one another	Low	Children should be supervised at all times and only allowed on in small groups. Please note that during frosty or wet weather the bouncy pillow will not be in use.
Zip wire	Falling off, getting hit by seat	Low	Children should be supervised at all times and should only go on the zip wire one at a time and wait in the designated area.
Tractor Ride	Falling over, falling when	Low	Supervisors should ensure that children stay sitting down while the tractor is moving and

	getting off		help children down from the tractor when the ride has finished.
Glassblowers	Cuts and burns	Low	Children and supervisors are only allowed in the viewing galleries.