

Risk Assessment – Hatching Programme

Potential Hazard	At Risk	Risk Rating	Control Measure
Possible Injuries from chicks	Adults/Children	Low	No risk of injury – Chicks are unable to injure by pecking or scratching and suitable for handling by children under supervision.
Virus or germs from chicks	Adults/Children	Low	As with the handling of all animals, we strongly urge the washing of hands after handling. Teachers and children are advised to keep fingers away from their mouths during a session.
Allergies	Adults/Children	Low	There are some children and adults allergic to egg substances. The school are responsible for checking with parents any allergies of anyone handling and in contact with the chicks.
Electrical Equipment	Adults/Children	Low	Children to be kept away from electric supply. All equipment is low wattage and pat tested. The brooding lamp is 'cool touch'

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- We advise children and staff within your setting who keep birds to refrain from handling the hatched chicks during the current situation.
- If anyone in school wishes to keep the chicks, they will need to be kept inside. If you are planning to keep the chicks, please inform us **immediately** so we can advise you of the guidelines.
- Avian Influenza is a disease of birds and although the H5N8 strain can transmit between wild birds and poultry, it DOES NOT transmit to humans. Furthermore, birds hatched in schools and nurseries are housed indoors and will never have been/will not be in contact with wild birds or other poultry and therefore will not be at risk from this virus.
- Although we cannot predict possible future outbreaks or further government restrictions, please rest assured that we are monitoring the situation very closely to ensure we continue to follow government guidelines.
- We will of course keep settings informed of any future developments in the unlikely event that these should effect your booking.
- Further government information and up-to-date announcements relating to Avian Influenza can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>.