

Belmont Children's Farm

How To Enjoy Your Visit

It is never possible to make any farm a totally risk-free environment.

Our animals are all well cared for but all animals (and the earth itself) naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans and may cause ill health.

Our animals are chosen for their calm and friendly temperaments but any animal can be unpredictable if it is frightened or teased, or even if it is having a bad day!

The Ecoli Risk

WHEN EVER ANIMALS ARE PETTED AND BEFORE EATING, DRINKING OR SMOKING (SMOKING NOT ALLOWED ON THE FARM) HANDS MUST BE WASHED.

FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE CLEANED AFTER YOUR VISIT.

ANYTHING DROPPED ON THE GROUND SHOULD NOT BE USED AGAIN UNTIL DISINFECTED, THIS IS PARTICULARLY THE CASE WITH CHILDREN'S TOYS , COMFORTERS OR DUMMIES.

Please Note:

1. It is understood that Ecoli is contracted through the faeces of certain prone animals; although all animals including humans have low levels of this in their systems.
2. Humans touching contaminated areas i.e fences and animals that have come into contact with it can contaminate themselves by simply touching their mouths.
3. We attempt to contain the risk through the use of double fencing and restricted access to animals. Areas of risk are regularly sprayed with an appropriate disinfectant and if animals are moved, in the event of them fouling this is immediately cleaned away and disinfected.
4. Animals that are petted or come into contact with humans are cleaned and disinfected to the best of our ability.

FOR THESE REASONS YOU MUST OBSERVE OUR RULES, AND BY ENTERING YOU AGREE TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF YOURSELF AND ANY CHILD ACCOMPANYING YOU.

Visitors' Rules, Which Must Be Followed:-

Supervision:

- Under 14 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Children under the age of 4 must be individually supervised
- Children between 4 and 8 at least one supervisor to every four children

The responsible adult MUST ensure that:

- Any pre-existing cuts and grazes are covered with waterproof dressings
- Every child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear
- No food is brought onto or consumed on the Farm except in the farm café area

The responsible adult must also ensure that both during and after the visit:

- No child tastes animal food or eats food that has fallen on the ground
- All children and adults always wash and dry their hands thoroughly after any contact with animals, before eating, and before leaving the farm, using soap and warm water and the antiseptic washes provided
- No child sucks their fingers or puts anything in their mouths
- All children clean or change their footwear before leaving the farm, and wash their hands after any contact with animal faeces on the shoes.
- All children approach and handle only permitted animals quietly and gently and do not chase, frighten, tease or torment any animal
- No child climbs on or into any of the pens
- No child puts any part of their body inside any pen except any pen specifically designated as a petting pen.

REMEMBER THAT THE CHILDREN YOU ARE ACCOMPANYING ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PLEASE TAKE CARE YOURSELF TO FOLLOW THESE RULES.

Attention: IF PREGNANT YOU SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH ANIMALS, PARTICULARLY SHEEP, LAMBS, AND ANIMAL FAECES