



Puxton Park Risk Assessment

Feel free to undertake a pre-visit to Puxton Park to assess the safety aspects prior to your visit. You will be given a welcome and safety talk when you arrive on the farm. Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing for the day. Please ensure the correct ratio of Pupils:Teachers/Teaching Assistants; Puxton Park staff are not responsible for the supervision of children.

Assessing: Education & Group Bookings	Who might be harmed:	Pupils, staff, helpers, participating visitors, spectating visitors.
Location: Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane, Hewish, BS24 6AH	Hospital:	Weston General, Grange Road, Weston-S-Mare, BS23 4TQ
First Aid Room: Located in the Play Barn	Telephone:	01934 636363

ACTIVITY	HAZARDS	RISK LEVEL	ACTION:- RISK REDUCTION	POST ACTION RISK LEVEL
Weather	Heat exposure, sunburn, wind exposure	Low	Supervisors and children should have sufficient protection for all types of weather. For bad weather conditions children must be adequately dressed, wellington boots or sturdy footwear. In hot weather, we advise sunhats and sun cream.	Low
Running Children	Slips, tripping, falling	Low	Children must be supervised by staff and instructed not to run.	Low
Using Coach	Slipping, tripping, falling, straying onto road, injury from other vehicles	Medium	Use designated coach/minibus area, children instructed to stay with their adults.	Low
Group Supervision	Slipping, tripping, falling, straying, lost children, zoonosis	High	Supervision of children remains the responsibility of the parents, teachers or group leaders at all times during your visit.	Low
Wet Grass	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take precautions against hazards.	Low
Walking around the farm	Slipping, tripping. Falling, strains, abrasions from uneven surfaces.	Low	Supervisors and children to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Supervisors to maintain discipline within the group. Walking routes selected that are fit for purpose.	Low
Bees, wasps and insects	Stings	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps pose no risk unless provoked.	Low
Chemicals & Substances	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact	High	All substances and chemicals that are used on the farm are kept in a locked cupboard away	Low

			from the public	
Animal Contact/touching animals	Zoonosis	High	Warn children prior to visit that they should not touch the animals unless encouraged to do so by Puxton Park staff.	Low
			Keep any educational groups and parties away from any animals that may be affected	Low
			Position "Do not touch" signs where necessary	Low
Animal Contact/touching animals	Zoonosis	High	Supervisors should advise and ensure that children do not put their hands in their mouths whilst on the farm	Low
			Supervisors should ensure that children wash their wellies before leaving the farm & before washing their hands.	Low
			Ensure that children wash their hands with warm water and soap.	Low
Pregnant Ewes	Toxoplasmosis	High	Advise that any female who may be pregnant should not attend where there are pregnant ewes on the farm. There should be no contact with newly born lambs, kids or the birth product from sheep and goats.	Low
Handling animals	Kicking, biting, crushing, trampling	High	Children and supervisors should not enter the animal pens. Locks in place	Low
			Whilst in animal handling areas, children should be under instruction.	Low
			Children should be supervised and monitored to prevent straying	Low
Water Troughs	Children falling in, potential of drowning	Medium	Troughs situated at a suitable height to avoid such a risk with very small children..	Low
			Supervisors aware and guide children accordingly	Low
Farm Operations, tractor movements, collections and deliveries.	Struck or knocked down by a vehicle.	High	Advise farm staff in advance of educational visits. No vehicle movement take place within the park.	Low

			Minimise farm operations during visits to decrease risk	Low
			Keep children together, in a place visible to drivers and farm staff.	Low
Straying onto prohibited areas	Unidentified hazards	Medium	Supervisors should ensure that children do not deviate from the pre-planned route	Low
			Children should be supervised. Supervisors should effectively monitor children's movements	Low
			Danger areas are all fenced off out of customer view.	Low
Gates, hurdles and barriers	Dirty and dangerous surfaces on gates, hurdles and barriers. Resulting in infection/cuts.	High	Staff monitoring prior to visit and cleaning/replacing where necessary.	Low
			Supervision to guide children away from dirty areas.	Low
Children becoming lost	Children becoming separated from the group	Low	Clear objectives so children know what is expected. Clear instructions as to expectations of behaviour and responsibilities to themselves and to one another. Supervisors to have a list of attendees. Periodic checks on numbers. Count pupils onto the coach, then count again before setting off.	Low
Designated eating areas	Zoonosis	High	Only eat in the designated eating areas. Eating areas are animal free zones.	Low
		High	Supervisors and children should ensure that they wash their hands with warm water and soap, drying their hands before eating.	Low
Electrical Equipment	Fire, electric shock, burns	High	Supervisors and children should not come into contact with any electrical equipment during their visit.	Low
Fire	There are many flammable items on the farm.	High	Puxton Park is a no smoking site	
			No smoking signs are displayed in the park. In	Low

			case of a fire we sound the alarm, evacuate the building and call 999, we assemble at fire safety points located in the carpark or in the park.	
Indoor play equipment	Children using the slides inappropriately	High	Staff supervision at the tops and bottoms of the slides at peak times to ensure safe play.	Low
		Medium	Daily checks on the play equipment to ensure it is safe. Taylor Made inspects annually.	Low
Adrenaline Zone	Falling from play equipment	Medium	All low level play equipment for children	Low
	Falling, tripping, slipping, colliding	Medium	Daily checks undertaken on play equipment to ensure it was safe.	Low
In Ground Trampolines	Injury jumping	Medium	Supervision by parent, carer or teacher	Low
	<1 using trampoline at once	Low	Only one person permitted at once, adult supervision	Low
	Equipment failure	Medium	Regular checks on equipment daily.	Low
Pedal Go-Carts	Collision and Impact	High	Signage in place, seat must be correctly adjusted to ensure safe travel. All participants advised to travel in an anti-clockwise direction	Low
	Collision with perimeter rail sleepers	High	In the event of a collision, if the child is injured a first aider will be called out to the scene.	Low
	Participant ran over	Medium	Participants are advised to bring their go-card to a halt next to the entrance and exit their go-cart.	Low
	Body parts trapped in Go-Cart	Medium	Check prior to opening that chain guards are in place and workings of the cart are not exposed.	Low
	Equipment misuse	Low	Pedal go carts are for family use and visitors are asked to behave responsibly whilst in the park. Staff make regular patrols to ensure compliance.	Low
	Poor vehicle control	Medium	Supervisors are asked to ensure that the seat is correctly adjusted for comfort and safety.	Low
	Unauthorised access to the track	Medium	Supervisors adult visitors advised to monitor children outside the track area.	Low
	Go-carts overturning	Medium	Level concrete surface, regular inspection and maintenance of the carts. Unsafe behaviour or practice stopped.	

Mini Coin Tractors	Falling from a tractor	Low	Parents, carers and teachers are advised to ensure safe use of the equipment	Low
	Impact injury from other drivers	Medium	Anti-clockwise direction advised, parent supervision advised.	Low
Pet Handling (Petting Time)	Zoonosis	High	Staff should advise and ensure that children do not put their hands in their mouth	Low
			Ensure that children wash their hands with warm water and soap.	Low
			Daily stock checks	Low
			Pets village is an animal contact area, wash facilities are in place.	Low
			Animal waste practice in place, animals are in pens.	Low
			Petting limited to rabbits, guinea pigs and chicks.	Low
Wildlife Walk	Zoonosis	High	Warn children prior to their visit that they should not touch the dairy cattle in the pastures unless encouraged to by Puxton Park staff.	Low
			Supervisors should advise and ensure that children do not put their hands in their mouth.	Low
			Ensure children wash their hands with warm water and soap before eating or leaving the farm	Low
	Slipping, tripping, falling, and strains	Low	Children and supervisors to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Teachers to maintain group discipline for the duration of the visit.	Low
			Route clearly and suitably signed, and kept clear from forage.	Low
			Bridges across the lake has anti-slip netting on, and hand rails. Checked daily.	Low
	Splinters from barriers	Low	Verbal warning/supervision	Low