

# Easton&OtleyCollege

## FAO: All children, their carers' and any adults visiting Easton College Farm

### Health & safety arrangements for day visits to Easton Campus Farm – 2014 - 2015

We welcome school groups to visit Easton Campus Farm; it is a small mixed, working and teaching farm. What visiting groups will be able to see depends largely on the weather and the time of year.

There is a risk of people picking up infections from direct contact with farm animals, from animal faeces and fences and gates that farm animals may have rubbed against.

Easton Campus Farm is not a petting farm. There is a possibility groups may be able to touch the calves at the dairy, and any hand reared lambs at lambing time.

Risk of infection can be controlled by the simple but strict procedures that follow:

- ◇ Bring welly boots to wear on the farm, carry them in a disposable plastic bag. Throw the bag away once boots have been cleaned after the visit.
- ◇ No fingers in mouths or hands near faces while out on the farm.
- ◇ No food or drink is taken on to the farm, excepting in cases of genuine medical need.
- ◇ Antibacterial alcohol wipes are used after touching animals, provided by Easton and Otley College. Hand gels are not suitable for use in a farm environment.
- ◇ After returning from the farm boots must be removed and placed in a disposable plastic bag.
- ◇ Hands must then be washed with soap and running water.
- ◇ At home boots should be thoroughly cleaned, well away from any food or food preparation area.
- ◇ Clothes worn on the farm should be washed, even if they look clean.

**\*\*there is an additional risk to pregnant women at lambing time. It is possible for pregnant women to pick up an infection that could cause miscarriage. Pregnant women should be particularly careful about health, safety and hygiene when visiting a farm at lambing time, and are advised not to enter areas with pregnant ewes / new born lambs\*\***

### Preparing to visit the farm

- ◇ Wear old clothing, even when it's hot in the Summer it is essential to have legs covered and advisable to have arms covered.
- ◇ Make sure you remember to pick up your welly boots to bring to the farm. Wear different shoes to travel to and from the college, and to wear in the schools barn.
- ◇ If you bring a packed lunch – make sure it is in a completely separate bag, well away from your welly boots.

### At the Farm

- ◇ Remember all of the health and safety points listed above, and always stay with the group and do as your guide says.
- ◇ Enjoy your visit.

### After your visit

- ◇ Don't forget to thoroughly clean your boots, away from food and food preparation areas and wash all of your clothes.

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