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Activity Specific Risk Benefit Assessment - Meet the Animals

This risk benefit assessment is to be read in conjunction with the 'Dynamic & Generic' risk benefit assessment.

New Barn is home to a large group of different farm animals and pets. These animals are based in different locations around the centre. The meet the animal's session is a nice time filler and gives the groups the opportunity to meet our animals in a relaxed environment.

How will young people BENEFIT from this activity?

Groups will experience an opportunity to spend time with our animals at a closer proximity, learning about their species, role in farming or agriculture, and their individual roles here at the centre. Groups will also develop the skills of identification within species, to identify the physical traits of our animals and how they lend to their survival including evolutionary traits.

Risk Assessment Completed By: Matthew Dear		Date of last update: September 2023 Review date before: September 2024	
Risk	Who might be affected	How risk is controlled	Overall risk rating: L/M/H
Risk of Infection	Staff + Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All New Barn livestock are wormed and health checked regularly. There is to be no eating in the animal areas. All pupils wash their hands thoroughly after touching animals and before any eating or drinking. Pupils should not place their faces against any animal. No animal feed should be tasted or eaten. Children to be in groups of no more than 5 when touching the Alpacas, Rabbits & Goats. 	L
Risk of Injury	Staff, Pupils & Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils are given a briefing on keeping calm, quiet and concentrating when with animals. Groups are instructed to keep hands nearside of the fence. There are specific post and railed fences for safer access to animals in the New Barn paddocks. There is to be full supervision of group by adults. New Barn staff are to be kept up to date on each animal at the centre. Pupils are not to enter fields with animals, only on individually assessed occasions when New Barn staff judge it is safe. Nothing is to be fed to the animals. Any animal feeding at New Barn will be under direction of the New Barn staff. Nothing is to be thrown into fields with animals. 	L



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prodding/poking of any animals with sticks etc. • No tractors or machinery of any kind should be ridden on or played with. • Clean any animal faeces from footwear before leaving the animal paddocks. • No running is permitted near any of the animals. 	
Barbed Wire	Staff & Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group will be advised of its dangers in briefing. This will be reenforced when coming across barbed wire. • Explain that crossing fences is not permitted • When fences are replaced at New Barn the barbed wire will be replaced with a more suitable alternative. 	L
Electric Fences	Staff & Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sticks/stones etc to be thrown/prodded at fence. • Group will be advised of dangers in briefing. This will be reenforced when coming across electric fences. • All electric fences will have safety signage at set points along the fence line. 	L