



Bradford Peverell, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9SD

Activity Specific Risk Benefit Assessment - Nature Walk

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

New Barn is surrounded by lots of easily accessible footpaths and bridleways.

The Nature walk starts and finishes at New Barn and is always led by a New Barn ranger.

How will young people BENEFIT from this activity?

The walk can cover several different topics dependant on the time of year and the activity on the working farms. The walk gives an educational tour of Bradford Peverell and its surrounding countryside, its history, and the comparison of the countryside to the individuals hometown landscapes. Also giving an insight into the changes of Bradford Peverell's own landscape as the seasons change.

Risk Assessment Completed By: MCD 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
Livestock	Staff, pupils & livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group will be advised on procedure for crossing a field during briefing. If livestock are loose in the field then the risk of crossing will be assessed. Need for calm and quiet. No running by any person so as not to cause the animals distress. Gates will be kept under control to stop livestock escaping. Staff will be at the head of the group and adults will walk on the outside of the group, nearest the livestock. Group will walk alongside any hedge or fence where available. Extra caution required with livestock and young. Cross a field by taking the shortest route to a hedge. No livestock in fields should be stroked/touched etc. 	L
Barbed Wire	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain that crossing fences is not allowed. Group will be advised of its dangers in briefing. This will be re enforced when coming across barbed wire. 	L
Electric fences	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group will be advised of dangers in briefing. This will be re enforced when coming across electric fences. No person is to touch or attempt to touch an electric fence. 	L



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sticks/stones etc to be thrown/prodded at fence. 	
Stiles	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An adult will always supervise the crossing of a stile. Group will be made aware that you cannot jump a stile. 	L
Stiles	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group will be made aware of importance of leaving a gap between each person. 	
Infections	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As is stated in the New Barn generic risk assessment. 	L
Farm buildings and yards	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group will be advised on the procedure in farmyards in briefing. Group will be kept together & preferably in pairs. Keep out of areas with parked up machinery. Be aware of any moving machinery. Ensure it is safe to proceed and the machinery has moved or stopped. Be aware of livestock, brief pupils that they are not to go up to, or into, sheds/barns etc to see livestock. No livestock in yard or fields should be touched. Loose livestock - see livestock section above. 	L
Dogs	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to be advised during briefing. Do not attempt to stroke any dog, even if the owner says it is fine - dogs can react differently when large numbers of children are around. In farmyards - ignore any dogs. Staff to position themselves between dogs and pupils, if dogs appear agitated. All members of group to always fold arms when encountering dogs. 	L
Injuries	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As in the New Barn generic risk assessment. 	L
Steep slopes	Staff & pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alert group to the hazard. Avoid running. Take extra care in wet weather. Try to fall backwards rather than forwards. 	L