

Health & Safety

Is It Safe To Visit Farm Parks?

Finkley Down Farm Park maintains a high level of cleanliness and animals have husbandry to ensure that the Farm Park is a safe place to visit.

Animals can carry viruses and bacteria including E-Coli 157 that can be harmful to people. In 30 years of being open to the public we have had a clear record from E-Coli. No-one has ever reported ill after visiting us.

Risk Assessment

All of the farm is risk assessed and reviewed annually. We recommend a familiarization visit for teachers to carry out their own risk assessment. A general risk assessment is available to help you with this. Please feel free to telephone, e-mail or come in and ask at the pay in desk to have

How Can I Minimize Risks On The Day?

- Do not eat anything that has fallen on the ground.
- Eat and drink in picnic areas only, never while touching animals or while walking around the farm.
- Cover any cuts and grazes with waterproof dressings before visiting.
- Stress to adults and children the importance of washing hands thoroughly with soap and water, after any animal contact and before eating. Young children in particular should be supervised while washing their hands.
- Hand washing facilities are near the 'Touch and Feel' barn and in the toilets. There are also hand sanitizers placed around the farm.
- Listen to and follow instruction given by farm staff.
- Do not frighten or chase the animals.

First Aid

You can go to the 'Café' or the 'Gift Shop' to locate one of our qualified first aiders.

Lost Children

Lost children are taken to the 'Gift Shop'. We have a tannoy system.

Trips and Falls

Children should walk around the farm and not run.