

Risk assessment

Date of next review: 01/10/25 Date assessment was carried out: 01/10/24

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| MACHINES & HAYSTACK | Visitors- can cause in injury by falling, crushing & cutting | Narning tape and safety signs are in place and checked monthly | Explain the dangers to visitors – Inform the visitors of the rules – not to touch/climb the machines or hay - 'Keep Safe on The Farm' Sign post dangers and restricted areas Prevent round bales from rolling using wooden wedges Always supervise the visitors | Gina | Continuous |
| GAS - | Visitors – a gas leak could cause a fire | 1.Gas bottles are stored safely away from visitors and valves and pipelines are checked yearly. 2.Gas bottles are stored in a cool, open-air space away from visitors. | Explain the dangers of gas to visitors Inform visitors of the rules – not to use the cooker or touch the dials on the fridge Always supervise visitors | Gina | Continuous |



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| FIRE – | Visitors – can burn their skin or inhale dangerous fumes | 1.Good ventilation 2.Carbon monoxide alarm in yurt 3.Smoke alarm in yurt 4.Fire assembly points clearly labelled 5.Burns kit is available in First Aid Station 6.Fire guards in place | Explain the dangers to visitors Inform the visitors of the 'Fire Procedure' – to evacuate in an emergency and walk to closest assembly point Always supervise the visitors | Gina | Continuous |
| ANIMAL HANDLING – | Visitors – animals can kick, bite, butt & stand on people | 1.Daily checks on animals' health and wellbeing 2. Yearly veterinary checks 3. Plenty of handling to keep animals friendly | Explain the dangers to visitors – Share policy 'Animal Handling' Horse handler to carry out a 'Mood Check' on the animals prior to the visitor's interaction with them. If any animal is showing signs of unease or illness, they will not to be used that day. Supervise and observe the visitors vigilantly to ensure the handling policy is adhered to Supervise and observe vigilantly to ensure the animals are happy with the interactions. At the first sign of unease, separate the animals from the visitors | Gina Horse handler | Continuous |



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| SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS | Visitors – could injure themselves | 1.Keep pathways clear of clutter 2. Installed slip proof flooring in the kitchen area 3.First aid stations in tack room, field shelter and yurt | Explain the dangers to visitors Talk through - Keep Safe on the Farm Always supervise the visitors to ensure policy is adhered to In case of an accident – follow Health and Safety Procedure – and record and report the accident in the accident book and report to parents/carers. | Gina | Continuous |
| STINGS, BITES AND TICKS | Visitors – some plants might sting, some insects might sting/bite and ticks may attach onto the visitors | 1.Regularly cut pathways so the grass and plants are kept short. 3.Email 'Preparing for the Farm' in advance of visit, so visitors come prepared with the correct clothing and footwear etc 2. First aid stations in tack room, field shelter and yurt | Explain the dangers to visitors Check the visitors are wearing suitable shoes and clothing when they arrive Supervise the visitors at all times In case of an accident – follow Health and Safety Procedure – and record and report the accident in the accident book and report to parents/carers. Remind the visitors to check their whole body for ticks once home and remove them carefully straight away. Visitors must seek medical help if the area around the bite starts to look red. | Gina | Continuous |



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| FENCING | Visitors – cuts from barbed wire, or sharp edges of stock proof fencing and splinters from wooden stakes, which could lead to an infection. Visitors – May get an electric shock from the electric fencing | Regular maintenance of fencing Warning signs for electric fencing in place First Aid stations in tack room, field shelter and yurt | Explain the dangers to visitors Talk through - Keep Safe on the Farm Always supervise the visitors to ensure policy is adhered to In case of an accident – follow Health and Safety Procedure – and record and report the accident in the accident book and report to parents/carers. | Gina | Continuous |



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| WATER LIQUIDS | Visitors – some liquids are poisonous, drowning in hot tub water | Locking away all potentially dangerous substances Cossh report prepared for substances on the farm Removing the steps to the hot tub Deep water sign on hot tub | Explain the dangers to visitors Talk through – Keep Safe on the Farm Always supervise the visitors to ensure policy is adhered to In case of an accident – follow Health and Safety Procedure – and record and report the accident in the accident book and report to parents/carers. Keep copies of the Cossh reports in the tack room | Gina | Continuous |
| WEATHER | Visitors – dehydration, sun stroke, sun burn, frostbite, hyper-thermia & infections in the cold | Two hand washing stations available Antibacterial soaps for hand washing Clean towels daily for drying Shelters available around the farm Certified drinking spring water available on-site Blankets in Yurt Log-burner in yurt | Explain the importance of appropriate clothing on the farm and being prepared in case the weather changes. Check clothing on arrival Talk through - Keep Safe on the Farm Build regular drink/snack breaks into the day Ensure hands are washed well before eating Apply extra suntan lotion throughout the day Take shelter in bad weather conditions Cancel sessions in extreme weather conditions | Gina | Continuous |



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| FEEDING THE ANIMALS | Visitors – horses, goats, & sheep may bite, kick, barge, or butt – each other and humans | 'Do not feed the animals' safety signs are in place at both field shelters, and stable block | Explain the dangers to visitors Talk through - Keep Safe on the Farm Always supervise the visitors to ensure policy is adhered to Feed the sheep and goats with a fence barrier between animals and humans Only feed horses when they are tied up and separated from each other Never feed any of the animals from human hands. Feed from the floor or buckets Use a plastic scoop to place food/treats in buckets and on the floor | Gina | Continuous |