

A farm can be an exciting place for children to learn. Roves Farm is an exciting place to visit, but it is also a working establishment and we ask you be aware of the following points of information, so that everybody enjoys their visit safely.

The Environmental Health Department carry out regular health and safety checks at Roves Farm and we have followed their recommendations.

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## Supervision & Discipline

Safety is the joint responsibility between visiting adults and farm staff. Children should remain under full supervision at all times.

All adult helpers are made fully aware of their responsibilities.

The discipline of the children is the supervisors responsibility and not Roves Farm staff.

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## Machinery

Every effort is made to keep moving vehicles on site a minimum.

Please follow instructions from your Roves Farm guide at all times for everyones safety in our working farm environment and ensure children are fully supervised at all times.

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## Livestock

Children should be made aware of how to behave around animals, especially animals with young ie to walk quietly and slowly.

It is important to remember that few people have regular contact with farm animals, or the farm environment. Various naturally occuring bugs are more likely to be present on any farm than in an urban environment. As with household pets, common sense personal hygiene should be observed by all visitors.

Roves Farm and its staff take every precaution to reduce the opportunity for visitors to come into contact with bugs. As appropriate, all relevant pens are

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## Hand Washing

Hand washing is one of the most important ways to protect yourself from farmyard bugs. **Hands must be washed thoroughly with soap and water.**

**Antibacterial hand gels are NOT recommended protection against farmyard bugs.**

Hand washing facilities are located in both animal barns, activity barn toilets (& during the summer by the outdoor play and tractor ride stop)

Please wash your hands at the following times;

- After holding the pen rail
- After touching animals
- Before eating
- After removing or cleaning shoes or wellingtons

### Activity Areas

Your visit to Roves Farm will include activities outdoors, in the animals barns and other indoor activity areas. Your guide is there to lead all the activities on your visit. By following their instructions, and adhering to other signage on site, you will ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit.

Each of our play areas have recommended age guidelines - your guide will advise you on the most suitable for your class.

**Please see separate risk assessment document for activity area safety.**

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### Health & First Aid

**Pregnant women and finger sucking children are advised not to touch or feed the animals.**

There are always multiple first aid trained staff on site at all times during your visit including your guide. Well equipped first aid boxes are located at Reception and on tractor rides.

Swindon Great Western Hospital is our closest hospital (15 -20 minutes) with accident and emergency facilities.

Please be aware of any member of your group with special medical conditions and bring with you any medications they may require.

Remember - Handwashing is key to a healthy farm visit. Hands must be washed thoroughly with soap and water after holding the animal pen rails, touching animals, before eating, after removing shoes or wellies and after

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### Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, it is important to stay calm and follow instructions given to you by Roves Farm staff. All staff members wear dark green t-shirts or sweatshirts with the Roves Farm logo. All staff members are aware of the evacuation and emergency plan and will give instructions which should be followed immediately for your safety.

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### Food & Drink

Food should only be consumed in designated eating areas and not in the animal barns.

Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating.

Never drink water from taps unless they are marked 'drinking water'.

Do not taste animal feed or animal milk.

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### Clothing

**Socks are required to play on the indoor play equipment.**

Please advise members of your group to bring suitable shoes and clothing for an outdoor farm environment. For example, in winter, warm coats, hats, gloves and wellingtons. In summer, sun hats, sun screen & sturdy shoes.