

Risk Assessment Form

	Location: Nanquidno Farm Visits		Date Assessed: February 2020		Assessed by: Mrs Sarah Thomas	
	Task/ Activity: Farm Walks		Review Date: February 2021			
Activity	Hazard/Risk	Persons at risk	Controls in place	Risk Level	Post-action risk level	
Transport	Straying into road, injury from other vehicles	Visiting children & adults	Alight in parking area. Teachers supervising children into Cart House reception. Vehicles parked away from buildings.	High	Low	
Walking around the Farm	Injury from slipping and falling; wet ground	Visiting children & adults	Supervision, direction and awareness given where appropriate.	Low	Low	
	Falling into ditches, streams, ponds and pools.	Visiting children & adults	Brief all visiting children and adults about all known ditches, streams, ponds and pools.	Medium	Low	
	Badger or rabbit holes	Visiting children & adults	Point out areas where they occur during the walk.	Medium	Low	
	Injury from barbed wire	Visiting children & adults	Brief visiting parties: all fences crossed using styles; styles maintained on a regular basis.	Low	Low	

	Animal contact or proximity	Visiting children & adults	Visitors will pass over pastures with herds well socialised with walkers. Visitors will be advised when free flow is appropriate. Friendly farm dogs happily join the walks unless requested not to. They are not encouraged into the facilities or picnic area.	Medium	Low
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	Infection- bacteria contact	Visiting children & adults	All visitors are provided with hand washing facilities.	Low	Low
	Stings from insects	Visiting children & adults	Identify first aider, first aid kit in building and on leader.	Medium	Medium
	Chemical contact	Visiting children & adults	Low input on farm and all chemicals stored away from visitor areas.	Low	Low

Walking around the Farm	Crossing public roads	Visiting children & adults	Welcome introduction includes awareness of country lane traffic.	Medium	Low
	Getting lost	Visiting children & adults	An adult will be placed in front and behind the group. In the unlikely event of a person being separated from the party, visitors will be advised to wait in a safe place. Leader to check with teachers who may have their own protocol.	Medium	Low

Farm operations	Injury from working farm machinery	Visiting children & adults	Adequate adult ratios for supervision. Limited working farm machinery.	Medium	Low
	Injury from stationary farm machinery	Visiting children & adults	Limited contact with stationary farm machinery.	Low	Low
	Injury from gates, hedges, stiles.	Visiting children & adults	Supervision when opening/closing gates or crossing stiles/hedges.	Low	Low

	Injury from tools	Visiting children & adults	Prior liaison between leader and school to ensure correct and careful handling of tools. Supervision and advice when appropriate.	Medium	Medium
Specific locations	Coastal path	Visiting children & adults	Can be slippery in wet or dry conditions. Sometimes single file needed with a gap between walkers. Keep to path. Visitors advised to always follow instructions. Adults at graduated places within the line.	Medium	Medium
	Settlement	Visiting children & adults	Point out uneven ground, loose stones and the possibility of Adder presence. Advise not to lift stones and to be aware.	Medium	Medium
Specific locations	Mine shaft collars	Visiting children & adults	These collars are on the National Trust tenanted land and are well documented, signed and have been made safe by the National Trust.	Medium	Low
	Wooden bridges/clapper bridges	Visiting children & adults	Party stopped before crossing and warned if conditions are slippery or hazardous.	Medium	Low

Weather	Poor weather conditions	Visiting children & adults	Visitors are advised to wear suitable wet weather clothing and footwear. If any doubt to any weather adversely affecting visit early liaison advised to cancel and if appropriate reschedule.	Medium	Low
	Fine weather conditions	Visiting children & adults	Visitors advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Hats, sun cream and water bottles advised.	Medium	Low
Plants	All plant species	Visiting children & adults	Visitors are encouraged to ask about wildflowers and plants and advised not to pick. Species such as blackberries will be picked when permission given by leader.	Medium	Low
A welcome talk will be given at the start of each farm walk where all visitors will be reminded of the controls in place to make their visit to Nanquidno a safe and happy experience.					