

## Risk Assessment for Visitors to Farmer Ted's Farm Park

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1	<b>Car Park:</b> At busy times there may be lots of cars moving about, driving too fast & parking carelessly which could result in a child entering or leaving the park getting knocked over & injured.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers using the car park</li> <li>- Delivery vehicles</li> <li>- Staff in the car park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At busy times there is a car park attendant on duty in a high visibility jacket to meet &amp; park cars &amp; coaches.</li> <li>- Cars have to slow down to locate a parking space.</li> <li>- The car park has a one way system to control the flow of traffic.</li> <li>- CCTV operates over parts of the car park</li> <li>- A sign is up in the car park reminding visitors that children should be supervised at all times.</li> <li>- A sign indicating a speed limit of 10mph is located in the car park</li> <li>- No parking is allowed in front of the entrance doors to enable customers leaving the park to have a clear view of any moving traffic.</li> </ul>				X	Regular review & monitoring	
2	<b>Car Park:</b> Coaches arriving, leaving & manoeuvring in the car park could hit pedestrians & cause injury to them & damage to cars. Passengers getting off the coaches could be hit by other vehicles as they get on & off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers &amp; visitors using the car park</li> <li>- Coach passengers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coaches use the one way system to access the site. They can unload and park up without having to reverse at all.</li> <li>- Coaches pull up to the entrance on arrival so that passengers can get off safely and away from moving vehicles.</li> <li>- Groups getting off the coaches are asked to go and stand against the wall of the main building out of the way of any moving vehicles.</li> <li>- A member of staff meets each coach as it arrives &amp; tells the driver where to park. Groups are escorted onto the park by staff.</li> <li>- Coaches only park up when all the passengers have got safely off, they either park on the left hand side of the drive or reverse on to the grass by the duck pond or on the hard standing by the disabled car spaces (if no other cars in the way).</li> <li>- On leaving passengers access the coach from the grassed area away from the main barn or the coach can drive back round the one way system and pick up the group at the exit door.</li> </ul>				X	Regular review & monitoring	
3	<b>Farm Park:</b> Due to the size & layout of the farm park children may become lost or separated from their parents / guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers</li> <li>- All staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is recommended that group leaders have some method of being able to identify their group in a crowd i.e. school uniform, high visibility jackets, neckerchiefs, name tags etc.</li> <li>- Children at birthday parties wear white wristbands and the general public wear coloured wristbands on which parents can write their mobile phone numbers in case the children get separated from them.</li> <li>- Staff carry radios and can inform all other staff of any missing children, to provide a description of them &amp; to coordinate a search for them.</li> <li>- Procedures in place and staff trained in what to do if a child cannot be found.</li> </ul>				X	Regular review & monitoring	
4	<b>Farm Park:</b> The animals may bite or kick the customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The animals in the animal barn are chosen for their friendly nature. However they may bite if fingers are placed in their mouths.</li> </ul>				X	Regular review &	

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	causing minor cuts & bruises		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During activities the customers are told how to safely handle the animals and not to stand behind them, offer them food, put fingers near their mouths and to wash their hands after handling them etc.</li> <li>- Staff inform customers not to lean their faces or mouths against the animal pens or to touch their own faces or put their own fingers in their mouths until they have washed their hands.</li> <li>- Signs are up at the entrances to the animal contact areas asking customers not to take food &amp; drink into animal areas as the animals may smell the food, think you are going to feed them and try to take the food, causing a bite or scratch to occur.</li> <li>- Signs are in place warning that animals may bite and not to feed them.</li> <li>- Signs reminding customers to wash their hands are located throughout the site as are hand washing stations.</li> </ul>				monitoring		
5	<p><b>Farm Park:</b> Visitors could pick up bacteria such as E.coli O157, Cryptosporidium &amp; Salmonella from touching animals or from coming into contact with their faeces, which could result in symptoms of sickness &amp; diarrhea and in some cases lead to more serious and longer lasting illnesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children under 5 could suffer kidney related problems.</li> <li>- Pregnant women could abort if they come in contact with lambs &amp; pregnant ewes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers</li> <li>- All staff</li> <li>- Customers in age groups that are more vulnerable to infection: young, elderly, pregnant &amp; nursing women, those with existing medical conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All areas are kept as clean as possible and staff are trained to clear up any animal faeces on pathways as soon as they can.</li> <li>- Animal pens are cleaned out and fresh bedding laid to reduce the risk of bacterial contamination.</li> <li>- Signs are in place asking people to wash their hands whenever they have touched an animal or before eating.</li> <li>- Signage around the park and at admissions informs customers of the risk of bacterial contamination, who is most at risk and what they can do to stay safe.</li> <li>- Staff conclude animal activity sessions by reminding everyone to wash their hands.</li> <li>- Washing facilities are clearly marked with soap and warm water provided; Checked daily &amp; restocked when necessary.</li> <li>- Organisers of group visits and children's parties are sent a copy of the Industry code of practice "Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions" teachers supplement, with their booking form.</li> <li>- The general health of animals is monitored daily and assistance sought from other staff, local vet as required.</li> <li>- Staff training is in place on the risks from bacterial contamination and procedures are in place to prevent the transfer of bacteria from animal contact areas to other areas of the site.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
6	<p><b>Farm Park:</b> Tripping on uneven surfaces could result in cuts &amp; bruises</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All customers</li> <li>- All staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All trip hazards are clearly marked with white paint to highlight steps, slopes &amp; kerbs.</li> <li>- Signs are in place at all entrances reminding customers that suitable footwear should be worn around the site.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The surfaces of the adventure play field and field trail are monitored and any pot holes filled when needed but as they are fields they will never be completely flat.</li> <li>- All floor surfaces are well lit and kept clear of debris and trip hazards.</li> </ul>						
7	<b>Animal Barn:</b> Steep, narrow steps in the animal barn arena could be a trip hazard for anyone using the tiered seating to watch the animal activities, resulting in cuts and bruises.	- All customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White lines are painted on the steps to highlight the edges.</li> <li>- A handrail is in place along each tier of seating to hold onto &amp; to break a fall if someone does trip or slip.</li> <li>- Natural &amp; artificial light are present in the arena.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
8	<b>Animal Barn:</b> Dust, dirt & debris on the park can lead to a risk of contamination from airborne bacteria	- All users of the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A cleaning schedule is in place and checks are made.</li> <li>- Paths are swept daily and hosed down as necessary.</li> <li>- No rubbish is allowed to accumulate on the park removing the risk of bacterial contamination, smells &amp; pest problems.</li> <li>- Animals in public areas are kept to a minimum (arena in animal barn) and any mess cleared up as soon as possible.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
9	<b>Animal Barn:</b> Customers could attempt to climb into the animal pens or climb into the guinea pig enclosure and disturb / upset / frighten the animals causing bites & cuts to customers and stress and upset to the animals.	- All customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All animal pens have a wall or beams across to prevent anyone climbing in to the pens. These are high enough to see over or through and should deter people from climbing over.</li> <li>- A sign is in position in guinea pig village informing customers not to pick up the guinea pigs or enter the enclosure and informing them of the times when guinea pig handling is available with staff supervision.</li> <li>- Staff are constantly moving through the animal barn and would deter anyone from climbing / reaching over the walls &amp; barriers.</li> <li>- A door can be closed across to restrict / control access to guinea pig village at busy times &amp; for groups meeting the guinea pigs as part of an educational visit.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
10	<b>Field Trail:</b> Animals in the fields could bite customers if they come up to them at the fences	Customers on the field trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The field trail is a fenced walk way through fields with animals on either side. Animals are kept within a second fence which is in turn 1 metre from the public fence.</li> <li>- The feeding &amp; stroking of animals is not encouraged unless under the strict supervision of the farm staff.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
11	<b>Field Trail:</b> Although the field trail is on level ground it could be muddy & bumpy in places which could pose a slip or trip hazard to customers resulting in bruises & sprains.	- Customers on the field trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The field trail does go through fields which by definition are not always flat &amp; free of potholes.</li> <li>- The field trail extension of 2017 includes a gravel path for the first part of the trail behind the mini beast centre.</li> <li>- Customers are warned by staff on arrival if the conditions on the field trail are poor underfoot.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		

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	The field trail is suitable for wheelchairs & pushchairs but the ground could be a bit awkward to push these over at certain times.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signs at admissions and around the site remind customers that suitable footwear should be worn.</li> <li>- The field trail is closed off in bad weather.</li> </ul>				
12	<b>Jumping Pillows:</b> Customers could injure themselves on the pillows by landing on someone else or colliding with someone mid air or by falling off the pillows and landing on the surrounding ground.	- Customers on the pillows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The junior, 3 panel pillow for up to 10 children aged over 2 and under 6 year olds,</li> <li>- The senior, 6 panel pillow for up to 28 children aged 6+ years old.</li> <li>- Rules are displayed at the entrance and in the pillow enclosure.</li> <li>- Somersaults and inverted manoeuvres are not allowed and feet must be kept below waist level.</li> <li>- Sitting in groups on the pillow is not allowed As it can affect the "bounce" of the rest of the pillow.</li> <li>- Customers in ill health and with breathing difficulties, heart conditions and skeletal &amp; muscular ailments should not use the pillows.</li> <li>- No food or drink allowed on the pillows</li> <li>- Children must be under adult supervision at all times.</li> <li>- The pillow is supervised at busy times.</li> <li>- Each pillow is surrounded by 2m of rubber granulate edging to a depth of 150mm to cushion any landing off the pillows.</li> <li>- Each pillow is in a fenced off area giving 2m between the fence &amp; the pillows.</li> <li>- Rules state no jumping within 1.5 metres of the edge of the pillow.</li> <li>- Customers waiting to use the pillows and adults supervising their children wait outside the fence so preventing any collisions as children jump off the pillows.</li> <li>- Shoes must be removed and socks worn</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
13	<b>Bridge on Field Trail:</b> Children could fall from the bridge causing cuts & bruises and more serious injuries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The bridge has metal steps of graded steel to prevent slips.</li> <li>- The sides of the bridge are 1 metre high and made of wooden slats so that children can peer through and don't need to peer over.</li> <li>- The gaps aid in the spotting of people on the bridge.</li> <li>- Staff at the jumping pillows and the panel maze tower have a view of the bridge.</li> <li>- The rules of the site state that adults must supervise their children at all times.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
14	<b>Panel Maze:</b> Customers could get lost in the maze causing distress and panic		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customers entering the maze are given a flag to wave if they get lost, have an emergency or other problem.</li> <li>- All children must be accompanied by an adult.</li> <li>- A member of staff counts people in and out of the maze</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Another member of staff stands on the tower in the maze watching customers and being alert for problems.</li> <li>- The wooden planks making up the panels of the maze have gaps in between them so you can see through.</li> </ul>				
15	<b>Vehicles on site:</b> Customers crossing the tractor track to reach the far end of the field trail, sheep racing or bird of prey flying display could get hit by a vehicle or go the wrong way and end up in the path of farm vehicles causing injury & distress.	- All customers on the field trail or accessing an animal activity across the track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The field trail running alongside the mini beast centre has no access to the tractor track.</li> <li>- Gates across the track from the far end of the adventure play field are hooked open to let customers access the other side of the track.</li> <li>- The tractor &amp; quad barrel rides leave from either side of the crossing area.</li> <li>- During opening hours no other vehicles use the track to remove the risk of any incidents occurring.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
16	<b>Vehicles on site:</b> Vehicles on the park could hit customers causing them severe injuries	- Customers on the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vehicles are not allowed in the public areas of the park during opening hours.</li> <li>- Access to tractor rides &amp; quad barrel rides is controlled by making customers wait behind a gate &amp; not allowing them on or off until the vehicle is parked up.</li> <li>- Vehicles have right of way over pedestrians on farm tracks but all drivers are trained to be alert at all times.</li> <li>- The public are kept away from areas where vehicles may be operating.</li> <li>- All vehicles operate to set speed limits and routes and staff are trained to be vigilant for customers or animals who may have strayed into their path.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
17	<b>Vehicles on site:</b> Children & adults could be run or knocked over by the tractor or barrel ride.	- All adults & children in the vicinity of the tractor & barrel ride.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The tractor &amp; barrel ride operate from the far end of the park and along their own fenced off tracks.</li> <li>- Children &amp; adults waiting for the tractor ride wait behind a gate and queue alongside the side of a barn.</li> <li>- Customers queuing for the barrel ride do so behind a fence.</li> <li>- The gate to the track is opened by the driver when the vehicles are stationary.</li> <li>- The driver only lets the correct number of customers through the gate &amp; onto the ride before securing it again.</li> <li>- Parents/families of children on the barrel ride are asked to wait outside the fence once the children are in the barrels and the ride is ready to go.</li> <li>- The drivers can see &amp; are alert for people on the track &amp; can slow down, stop or sound their horn to alert them.</li> <li>- The field trail that used to cross the track has been replaced with a bridge.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring

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18	<b>Tractor ride:</b> People could fall off the tractor while it is in motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All adults &amp; children on the tractor</li> <li>- Staff / other visitors in the vicinity of the tractor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before setting off passengers are asked to remain seated whilst the tractor is moving.</li> <li>- The trailer is enclosed and a metal gate is used to prevent passengers disembarking / falling off while the ride is moving.</li> <li>- Seating on the tractor is padded &amp; benchlike and located in the centre of the trailer so that customers can sit comfortably, looking forward, with a good view out of the windows.</li> <li>- The trailer was designed to HSE specifications.</li> <li>- The tractor's speed is kept to below 6mph at all times.</li> <li>- The maximum number of people allowed on the tractor at any one time is approx 35 depending on their age &amp; size.</li> <li>- All children must be accompanied by an adult and adults are always seated by the steps.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
19	<b>Barrel ride (seasonal):</b> Customers could fall out of the barrel ride while it is in operation and be run over by the remaining barrels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All barrel ride customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each barrel is fitted with seat belts and these are checked by the driver before the ride begins that they are securely fastened.</li> <li>- The driver informs customers that they must not stand up or try to get off the ride while it is still moving.</li> <li>- Children under 4 must sit on the knee of an adult.</li> <li>- Children over 4 must sit one to a barrel.</li> <li>- Due to the openness of the ride the driver can see behind him at all times and is constantly looking behind him while driving.</li> <li>- A sign is up on the track outlining the main rules - seat belts must be worn, remain seated, do not disembark until the ride has stopped.</li> <li>- The track is level but can be bumpy in places. No hills / slopes.</li> <li>- Driver is on radio in case an emergency arises.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
20	<b>Barrel ride (seasonal):</b> The barrel ride could turn over during operation causing injury to those on board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All barrel ride customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forward speed is monitored at all times and the maximum speed achieved on straight sections is 1200 revs.</li> <li>- Wide wheel centres on each barrel provide maximum stability.</li> <li>- Each barrel is fitted with roll bars to reduce any impact if the barrels turn over.</li> <li>- A maximum of 14 barrels make up the ride at any one time.</li> <li>- All current HSE &amp; insurance guidance is in place and followed.</li> <li>- Staff are trained to avoid tight turns.</li> <li>- All drivers hold a driving licence and have been trained on site in the operation of the vehicles used.</li> <li>- Driver is on radio in case an emergency arises.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
21	<b>Vehicles:</b> Other vehicles on the track at the same time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customers on the barrel ride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barrel &amp; tractor rides run on separate tracks.</li> <li>- Other vehicles use the track before or after the site opens / closes to remove any risk.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review &		

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	could collide causing impact injuries, whiplash, cuts & bruises etc.	- Customers on the tractor ride - Staff					monitoring		
22	<b>Tractor &amp; Barrel ride:</b> In poor weather conditions the track could become dangerous and the risk of accidents increase	- Customers using the barrel ride - Driver of the barrel ride	- A sign at the gate where customers queue for the barrel ride warns them that they may get splashed with mud whilst on the ride. - The track is checked daily and if it is too wet or in a poor condition the ride is cancelled - The barrel ride doesn't operate in the winter months.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
23	<b>Vehicles:</b> With daily use the vehicles being used to transport the customers could develop faults which could affect their operation & the safety of passengers	- All adults & children on the tractor - Tractor driver	- All vehicles are checked daily before & after use & any problems dealt with as soon as possible. - All barrels are cleaned & checked daily for loose wheel nuts and couplings and any that are damaged are removed from the track until they can be repaired. - Procedures are in place to report problems throughout the day & remove from operation if necessary. - Regular maintenance checks are carried out & recorded. - All drivers hold a driving licence and have been trained on site in the operation of the vehicles used. - Vehicles are kept under cover overnight			X	Regular review & monitoring		
24	<b>Mini Beasts:</b> The mini beasts could escape from their vivarium / faunarium or from the staff during a meet & greet session; and cause fright, panic or shock which could lead to more severe problems such as shock & panic attacks, allergic reactions, swelling & rashes.	- Visitors to the farm park, especially those of a nervous disposition. - Staff	- Each mini beast variety is kept in its own vivarium / faunarium behind toughened / laminated glass and 2 locked doors. - Amphibians are behind toughened glass. All others are behind laminated glass. - The mini beasts are only taken out of their vivariums for the public sessions and are always kept in view of the staff leading the session. - For meet the mini beast session's one species at a time is taken out of its vivarium and transferred to a portable vivarium with a clip on lid and taken to the display table.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
25	<b>Mini Beasts:</b> The mini beasts could bite or sting causing cuts, mild skin irritations or symptoms of allergic reaction, mild and severe.	- Visitors to the farm park - Staff	- Only the mini beasts considered safe to handle are allowed to be handled by the public (not the scorpion, tarantula & fire bellied toads). No one, staff or visitors, will be made to handle any mini beast that they feel uncomfortable handling. - All mini beasts are bought from reputable breeders/suppliers and are used to being			X	Regular review & monitoring		

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			<p>handled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The staff handling the mini beasts are trained in correct handling &amp; moving techniques and signs to look for in the beasts of stress, danger etc.</li> <li>- All staff are trained to inform customers of the need for hand washing after handling the animals and a hand wash station is available in the mini beast centre.</li> </ul>				
26	<b>Moving Animals:</b> Animals being moved could escape & cause customers to become injured or frightened	- Customers in the vicinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Movement of animals is done before the park opens or at quiet times when no public are around and there is less risk of the animals getting startled &amp; escaping.</li> <li>- Animals used for the daily activities such as pony grooming &amp; milking are moved from their pens in the animal barn via a side passage to the arena meaning that they don't come into contact with the public during the move.</li> <li>- Animals in public areas such as llamas &amp; ponies are kept on a head collar at all times &amp; are always with a member of staff &amp; never left alone &amp; unsupervised.</li> <li>- Barriers are put up and routes checked before moving animals in and out of the fields</li> <li>- Staff work as a team to move animals</li> <li>- Regular tractor rides that go round the larger fields and staff working with the animals in the fields would spot any animals that have escaped from their field and be able to alert other staff &amp; call for assistance.</li> <li>- Regular checking of animals in the fields, including cattle, would identify if any were missing and if there was any damage to fencing which may enable animals to escape.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
27	<b>Outdoor Equipment:</b> Children using the outdoor play equipment could fall off resulting in injuries such as cuts & bruises or broken bones	- Children on the equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All the outdoor equipment has woodchip on the ground directly under and around it.</li> <li>- The timber adventure trail on the field trail has extra thick grass underneath &amp; around it.</li> <li>- Woodchip is topped up &amp; checked as necessary with approved woodchip &amp; records kept.</li> <li>- Children should be supervised at all time &amp; signs in place around the park remind customers of this.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
28	<b>Outdoor Equipment:</b> Being exposed to the elements all year round could cause problems with the structures resulting in failure of the equipment during use, rotting of floors, walkways, edging boards and splinters occurring.	- Children on the equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All timbers have been pressure treated at the production stage and further treatment is therefore not necessary.</li> <li>- Due to varying climatic conditions splits may occur in the timber poles which may cause splinters. This is a natural process and has no effect on the structural strength of the timber.</li> <li>- Sharp edges, wires &amp; rough wood which could cause splinters are checked for and made safe &amp; records kept.</li> <li>- All equipment conforms to British Safety Standards 5696</li> <li>- Equipment is inspected annually by Playdale who manufactured it to EN1176:2008 standards and any repairs / modifications are carried out by them.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring



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			- Daily & weekly checking system in place by outdoor staff including the ground anchors and records kept.				
29	<b>Outdoor Equipment:</b> Dirt and bacteria from hands and shoes and bacteria from animal and bird faeces could be transferred to play equipment and picked up by others which could lead to symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea etc.	- Children on the equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equipment is checked daily and visible problems and soiling dealt with immediately and staff available to deal with incidents that arise during the day.</li> <li>- Signs are located around the park reminding customers to wash their hands before eating.</li> <li>- Hand wash facilities are found in the animal barn, on the adventure play field, and in the inside &amp; outside toilets.</li> <li>- Signs are located around the park reminding parents that children should be supervised at all times.</li> <li>- Because animals are not allowed to roam free around the park, faecal contamination of pathways is kept to a minimum which lowers the risk of footwear becoming contaminated with animal faeces which is the main source of harmful bacteria such as E.coli 0157.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
30	<b>Aerial runway:</b> Customers using the aerial runway could overload it or their actions e.g running with the seat; could cause an incident to occur which could injure people on the seat or in the vicinity	- Customers on the aerial runway, especially children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A sign is in place saying "Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.</li> <li>- A sign is in place saying "one person only" to minimise the risk of accidents &amp; overloading.</li> <li>- A sign is also in place saying "You must not push or run with the zip wire seat".</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
31	<b>Climb &amp; Slide:</b> Children in the Climb & Slide play barn could fall and bang into others or sections of the equipment causing cuts, bumps & friction burns.	- Customers using slide & climb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any area which provides a landing zone is covered with 70mm of approved rubber matting.</li> <li>- Any upright or vertical bars that a child could come into contact with while on the equipment are padded.</li> <li>- Shoes can be kept on at all times as this is an adventure play area not a soft play area.</li> <li>- It is recommended that long sleeves &amp; trousers are worn especially when using the slides.</li> <li>- This equipment is not suitable for those aged under 4 and a sign stating this is displayed at the entrance.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
32	<b>Climb &amp; Slide:</b> Some children using the slide could travel further than others on landing & receive cuts & grazes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Customers using slide &amp; climb</li> <li>- Customers in the vicinity of the equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A substantial padded landing area is provided at the base of the slides</li> <li>- Netting is fitted at the end of the landing mats to "catch" anyone that travels too far and to avoid children colliding with others standing at the base of the slides.</li> <li>- Slides are checked daily for any damage and polished accordingly. During heavy usage the slides become less slippery.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
33	<b>Climb &amp; Slide:</b> Children could fall from the equipment when on the higher levels resulting	- Customers using slide & climb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The whole climb &amp; slide play area is enclosed by a framework to reduce the risk of anyone falling.</li> <li>- Equipment is checked regularly for damage / gaps and repaired as necessary.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring

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	in cuts, bruises & possible broken bones.		- Children should be under adult supervision whilst on the equipment and signs in the vicinity remind them of this.						
34	<b>Climb &amp; Slide:</b> Adults are allowed on the equipment with their children which could lead to collisions with other children	- Customers using slide & climb - especially children	- Adults should be mindful of any children around them and act accordingly.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
35	<b>Climb &amp; Slide:</b> Equipment could become damaged and cause injury / accidents to users.	- Customers using slide & climb	- All equipment is visually checked daily by outdoor staff & records kept. - Bolts used to attach equipment to the structure are checked twice weekly & records kept. - All equipment is checked every 3 months by "BCT Outdoors" the company who installed it. - Any problems are reported to outdoor staff and dealt with immediately. - All equipment complies with current safety legislation.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
36	<b>Sand Pit:</b> Rubbish & foreign bodies in the sand or the metal toys in the sandpit could cause cuts to children or be a choking hazard or; lead to bacterial contamination and symptoms of sickness & diarrhoea.	- Children playing in the sand pit	- Sand is checked regularly for stones & sharp objects. - Sand is replaced on a regular basis. - The sand pit is locked up at night to prevent unauthorised access by intruders or animals that could contaminate the sand. - A sign is located in the sand pit and around the park reminding customers to wash their hands before eating. - Toys are checked daily & replaced or removed to be mended / cleaned as necessary.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
37	<b>Sand Pit:</b> Children throwing sand could get it in their eyes & ears or those of others in the sand pit.	- Children playing in the sand pit	- Signs warning of the dangers of throwing sand are displayed on the walls. - Children should be under adult supervision at all times.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
38	<b>Sand Pit:</b> Those entering & leaving the sand pit could bang their heads on the retaining wall or trip over the raised metal bar at the entrance	- Adults supervising their children - Children	- Foam cladding and yellow & black tape is fixed to the top of the doorways to warn customers of the low doorways. - Yellow & black tape is fixed to the metal bar on the ground to highlight the trip hazard.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
39	<b>Go-Karts:</b> Customers using the Go-Karts may not know how to operate them safely and could fall off them or crash into others causing	- Customers using the Go-Karts	- A notice is positioned by the pit lane where customers need to queue to have a turn which explains how to operate the Go-Karts. - The seats have been fixed in place to prevent them moving when being operated. - The locked seat ensures that children who are too young can't play on the go karts and get hurt by older children			X	Regular review & monitoring		

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	bumps, bruises & cuts.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signs are in place saying that users must not crash into others.</li> <li>- A one way system is in operation on the track to limit collisions &amp; accidents occurring.</li> <li>- Signs are in place saying that no more than one person is allowed on each Go-Kart at any one time.</li> <li>- A height restriction is in operation. Customers must be taller than 1 metre to have a go.</li> <li>- Unruly behaviour will not be tolerated and staff will remove troublesome individuals.</li> <li>- At busy times a member of staff supervises the track constantly.</li> <li>- Tyres are positioned at points on the track and fencing encircles the track with grass verges to absorb the impact of any collisions.</li> <li>- The track has no steep slopes.</li> </ul>						
40	<b>Go-Karts:</b> With constant use and being outside in all weathers, problems could occur with the Go-Karts which could affect their operation and result in parts breaking etc which could endanger those using them.	- Customers using the Go-Karts	- All Go-Karts are checked daily and any that are damaged are removed from the track until they can be repaired.			X	Regular review & monitoring		
41	<b>Pedal Tractors:</b> Children could bash into each other with the tractors causing cuts & bruises	- Children using the pedal tractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The pedal tractor area is designed for children under 8 years old.</li> <li>- Staff are usually working in the vicinity of the tractors and if they see any problems they politely warn the children of the dangers involved.</li> <li>- Anyone continuing to disrupt the activity for others will be asked to leave.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
42	<b>Pedal Tractors:</b> Children could fall off the vehicles onto the concrete floor causing bumps, bruises & cuts.	- Children using the pedal tractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the size of the tractor enclosures it is not possible to achieve a very high speed and so falling off at speed is kept to a minimum.</li> <li>- The distance from seat to floor is minimal so any impact from falling off is minimal.</li> <li>- The low roof and pillar in the centre of the pedal tractor area are padded to reduce the effect of any impact if a collision occurs.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
43	<b>Doors:</b> Children could trap their fingers in the various doors on site causing cuts & bruises and possible fractures.	- Children opening the doors & holding the doors open with their fingers near the hinges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some doors can be hooked open to allow people to move through them safely.</li> <li>- Most doors are self-closing and do so slowly, giving time for fingers to be moved</li> <li>- Toilet cubicle doors are designed so that fingers can't be trapped in them.</li> <li>- Automatic doors are located in the new building at the entrance to the site and the entrance to the farm park.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring		
44	<b>Hot Water:</b> Hot water in the	- Staff &	- Hot water in all taps is checked daily.			X	Regular		

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	hand wash basins could be too hot for children and cause minor burns & scalds	customers using the hand wash basins in the toilets especially young children who don't know to pull their hands away if the water is too hot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All water is thermostatically controlled and is generally kept to about 40 - 45°C</li> <li>- Taps are pushed / swiped to operate and turn themselves off after a short while.</li> <li>- There are signs up in the toilets &amp; throughout the site reminding visitors that children should be under supervision at all times.</li> </ul>				review & monitoring
45	<b>Indoor Soft Play Area:</b> could cause injuries to users if parts of the main metal structure become exposed, ropes become loose etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children using the soft play area</li> <li>- Adults accompanying young children in the play area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The soft play area is designed to a ROSPA approved design.</li> <li>- The entire frame is checked quarterly by the company who installed it "BCT Outdoors" for structural faults with any up-grades / repairs / improvements being carried out as soon as possible.</li> <li>- All landing areas are padded to HSE specification.</li> <li>- Landing areas at the bases of slides are padded and enclosed to HSE specification to minimize injuries to users and others in the vicinity in the case of accidents occurring..</li> <li>- Damaged equipment is removed as necessary &amp; the area checked &amp; cleaned daily.</li> <li>- Checked daily by indoor staff and any problems dealt with immediately.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
46	<b>Indoor Soft Play Area:</b> Unsupervised children in the play area could cause fights to break out and bumps & bruises & friction burns to occur more often.	- All children using the indoor play area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are 2 soft play areas, one for children aged under 4 and one for children aged over 4.</li> <li>- Adult supervision is required of all children in the play areas at all times and signs around the area remind customers of this.</li> <li>- All children must wear socks while on the play equipment to minimize accidents &amp; health issues. Signage informs users of this and socks are available to buy in the gift shop.</li> <li>- Long sleeves &amp; trousers are advised at all time &amp; running is not encouraged.</li> <li>- Shoes must be removed before playing on the indoor equipment to keep the equipment clean and to reduce the risk from stamping or kicking injuries.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
47	<b>Staff:</b> Staff working with and around children could be open to accusations of inappropriate behaviour	- All staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Farmer Ted's staff work or are left alone with children while on site.</li> <li>- All children on site must be supervised at all times by their parent / guardian or group leaders and signage around the site reminds adults of this.</li> <li>- Lost children are kept with a member of staff in a public place while their responsible adult is located.</li> <li>- All first aid is carried out with the child's responsible adult / guardian or another member of staff present.</li> </ul>			X	Regular review & monitoring
48	<b>Emergencies:</b> Fire could break	- All customers	- An evacuation plan is in place and all staff regularly review their role in it and are able to			X	Regular

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	out or the park may need to be evacuated which may cause customers to panic & become separated.		direct customers to the nearest exit. - A fire alarm system is installed throughout the site in case of fire and fire fighting equipment is available for trained staff to use. - Escape routes are clearly marked with the correct green and white running man signage. - Procedures have been drawn up to deal with separated groups, injuries and other occurrences in the event of an evacuation.				review & monitoring		

### Level of Risk

**HIGH:** Immediate action required

**MEDIUM:** Monitor situation & events daily & implement changes if/as incidents occur

**LOW:** Monitor situation & events daily & re-assess if/as incidents occur

This risk assessment has been prepared by the staff of Farmer Ted's as a general guide for visiting groups. More detailed risk assessments for particular areas & activities are available on request.

Risk assessments are also available for seasonal events e.g. Halloweek & Farmer Christmas on request.

The Industry code of practice "Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions" teachers supplement, which accompanies this risk assessment should be read in conjunction with the risk assessment.

We recommend that any groups visiting Farmer Ted's conduct their own risk assessment to take into account the specific needs of their group.

1<sup>st</sup> aid and trained first aiders are available at all times.

**\*\* CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES\*\***