**General Farm Risk Assessment**

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| **Risk or Hazards** | **Who is Affected** | **Control Measures** | **Risk Rating** |
| **School Arrival** |
| Traffic in lower yard parking area | All present | Group arrival followed by securing yard area to all traffic. Hang sign on gate. No person to alight until all vehicles are parked. | Low |
| Moving group from transport to reception area | All Present | Pre-visit brief to staff attending (TIP) and directions from farm staff on arrival. Clear signage to direct to reception area. | Low |
| Student/Staff ratio | All visitors | Groups advised at booking stage of recommended ratio and minimal staffing levels found in HSE AIS23 supplement. | Low |
| **Animal Contact** |  |  |  |
| Contact with animals | All present | Brief visitors that contact {petting} can lead to infection through bacteria Farm and school staff vigilance.  Pre-visit information given to all visiting groups  All animals to remain penned in housing during the visit and groups kept at a safe distance. | Low |
| Contact with animal faeces (footwear) | All present | Yard to be cleaned at regular intervals and swept daily.  Pre-visit information given to all visiting groups.  Brief visitors and direct to footwear washing area prior to hand washing.  Yard to be washed after cattle have passed through. | Low |
| Contact with animal faeces (hands).  Gates, walls and tools in contact with animal faeces | All present | Gates and pen walls to be cleaned at regular intervals and inspected prior to visitors arriving - faeces cleaned off.  Gates and pen wall tops sprayed with mild farm disinfectant at regular intervals (OF&G Approved product only). Brief to all visitors.  Tools to be cleaned regularly and removed from visit area prior to arrival. | Low |

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| **Water** | All visitors | Tanks securely sealed and excluded to visitors of farm | Low |
| Underground Storage Tanks (Dirty Water) |
| Water Courses and Streams | All visitors | Various water courses that cross the farm to be pointed out to the group leader where appropriate.  Limited access to water courses is maintained. | Low |
| **General** | All visitors | Visiting staff to ensure that cuts and grazes are adequately covered with a waterproof dressing in keeping with their school/group policy | Low |
| Cuts and grazes |
| Inappropriate Clothing | All visitors | Pre-visit information to be sent to group advising of the need for correct clothing whilst on the farm. | Low |
| Working Farm Dogs | All visitors | dogs that are resident on the farm are secured for the duration of the visit. | Low |
| Muck Storage Sites | All present | Storage sites to be closed and gated at all times during visits. | Low |
| Moving Farm Vehicle Hazard | All present | Tractors and farm vehicles are not permitted in visitor areas during visits. | Low |
| Walking on the Farm | All present | Children and teachers to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.  Walking routes selected are to be fit for purpose and appropriate to the age and abilities of the group.  Any possible impediment must be outlined by farm staff {rabbit holes / barbed wire / ditches / roads and tracks etc…} | Low |