Independent Schools - Risk Assessment

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Please undertake a pre-visit checklist and briefing for the children on safety aspects including allergies etc.

Your group will be given an induction and safety talk when you arrive at Mudchute Park and Farm. Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing for the day (including wet weather and suitable footwear).

Please also ensure the correct ratio of pupils to teaching staff, assistants and supervisors.

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| **Hazard or activity on the site** | **Risks associated with the hazards** | **Potential**  **To cause**  **harm** | **Controls already in place and action required by visitors** |
| Running children | Slipping, tripping, falling | Low | Children must be supervised and instructed not to run when using the farm courtyard and open park area. |
| Wet floor | Slipping, falling, sprains | Low | Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of wet flooring however precautions to close off wet areas are in place. |
| Tools | Slipping or tripping | Low | A demonstration on how to carry and use tools safety will be part of the induction before participating in any tasks. |
| Climbing of objects | Slipping, tripping, falling | High | Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb on walls, gates fences when using the farm courtyard or park area. |
| Car Park | Moving vehicles | Low | Children must be supervised when using the outside area, 5mph speed limit imposed. |
| Animal Movement | Moving animals | Low | Children are made aware of the farm is used by horse riders and children are to stand to the side to let the animals pass. |
| Cleaning materials | Burns, scalding and poisoning | Low | Cleaning materials used are safe and any hazardous materials are kept in secure metal cabinets. |
| Foreign objects | Cuts, burns, abrasions | Low | Supervisors should ensure that children do not pick anything up whilst at the farm unless instructed to do so by staff. |
| Hand Washing | Infection | Low | During induction children will be instructed on sound hygiene and hand washing practices when handling animals, tools, etc and visiting the farm. |
| Hazard or activity on the site | Risks associated with the hazards | Low | All activities are highly supervised by Mudchute staff |
| Bees, wasps, insects, hay fever | Stings/pollen reaction | Medium/  high | These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps pose no risk unless provoked, children that react to pollen are advised to be given medication before visiting the farm. |
| Chemicals and substances | Inhalation, skin and eye contact | Low | All substances and chemicals are all kept in cosh cabinets away from the public. |
| Infection | Various | Low | Supervisors must ensure that children wash their hands after touching the animals and before having any food or drink. Any cuts or abrasions should be protected by a dressing. There is a first aid points on the farm should a dressing be required. |
| Petrol/diesel | Fire, explosion | Low | The use of petrol and diesel driven equipment is monitored and controlled by the Mudchute workers. All petrol and diesel tanks are locked to avoid access by the visitors. |
| Electrical equipment | Fire, electrocution | Low | All electrical appliances are tested and inspected on a regular basis by the maintenance staff. Children should not touch electrical equipment. |
| Straying into prohibited areas | Unidentified hazards | Low | Groups must stay with their appointed member of staff and supervisors should ensure that children do not wander off. This will be covered in the welcome and safety talk. |
| Buildings | Unstable floors/ walls/roofs/ falling debris | Low | Mudchute ensures the structural integrity of all buildings that children are allowed to enter. |
| Water | Falling in the water | Low | All ponds are currently fenced off and children are to be supervised by school staff when using the sports field. |
| Designated working area | Unidentified hazards | Low | A visual Health & Safety check is untaken by Mudchute staff |