

RA043 — Poultry care and egg maths

Naylor's Ark Soul Sanctuary · Risk assessment (Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999)

Activity: Home Education Hub session: poultry husbandry, egg collection, weighing, counting and recording

Programme: Home Education Hub — Home Ed at the Ark, term-time Wednesdays 11am–2pm

Assessment date: 20/08/2026 · Assessor: Liberty Naylor · Review: annually, after any incident and before each new term

Site: Naylor's Ark Soul Sanctuary · CPH 46/327/7111 · Vet: 608 Equine & Farm Veterinary Surgeons · Read with HSP-01, SSOW-01, RA031 biosecurity and the Home Ed session safety and hygiene checklist

Hazard	Who may be harmed	Control measures in place	Residual risk
Salmonella and campylobacter from eggs and poultry	Learners, parents	Eggs collected into a clean tray, never in bare cupped hands where possible; no touching of face or mouth during collection; hands washed thoroughly immediately after collection and again before any food; cracked or dirty eggs left for the team; no raw egg tasting or cooking with collected eggs in the session.	Medium
Avian influenza and biosecurity	Learners, birds	Current APHA avian influenza guidance checked before every session; the activity is suspended entirely during a housing order or regional outbreak; boot dip used entering and leaving the poultry area; no visitors who keep their own poultry enter the pens; RA036 poultry care controls apply.	Medium
Pecking, scratching and flapping birds	Learners	Birds not picked up by learners; cockerels excluded from the activity area; learners crouch rather than loom over birds; long sleeves recommended; eye level kept above beak height for younger children.	Low
Low doorways, pop-holes and dusty coop interiors	Learners, parents	Coops entered by the team only, or one adult and one learner at a time; head height hazards pointed out; dusty bedding damped down or moved outside the session; anyone with asthma stays outside the coop.	Low
Animal contact — bites, knocks, treads, startling	Learners, parents, staff	Only animals cleared for public contact on the roster; a member of the team present throughout; approach from the side, calm voices, no running or chasing; no head handling where the roster says so; no entry to paddocks with unsettled animals; RA015 general visit controls apply.	Medium
Zoonoses and infection (E. coli O157, cryptosporidium, ringworm)	Learners, parents, staff	Hand-washing with soap and hot water after animal contact and before any food or drink; no eating, drinking, thumb-sucking or phone use in animal areas; cuts and grazes covered; supervised wash station signed and stocked; RA031 biosecurity and zoonoses controls apply; anyone unwell asked to rebook.	Medium
Supervision and safeguarding of children	Learners	Parents and carers remain responsible for their own children and stay with them at all times; learners never left alone with an animal or a volunteer; ratio confirmed at booking; DBS-checked lead on site; concerns reported to the sanctuary lead the same day and to the local authority safeguarding team within 24 hours.	Low
Slips, trips, uneven ground and weather	All present	Route checked and swept before the session; suitable footwear and outdoor clothing stated at booking; wet or muddy sections coned or avoided; walkways kept clear of hoses, buckets and tools; shaded and sheltered space available; RA037 adverse weather controls apply; session shortened or postponed in high wind, ice or heat.	Low
Allergies, medical needs and mobility	Learners, parents	Allergies, medical needs and mobility captured on the family registration and reviewed before each session; seated and at-distance options always offered; families keep their own medication (inhalers, antihistamines, auto-injectors) with them; first aider on site with a stocked kit; MNA-01 medical needs assessment applies.	Low

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Emergency, fire or animal escape during a session	All present	Site safety briefing and sign-in at the gate before every session; assembly point, fire point, first aid kit and toilets shown at the start; gates closed behind every person; register held by the lead; incident, near miss or animal concern reported and logged in the app the same day.	Low