

Surrey Docks Farm

Safety Guidelines for Visiting Schools

Please read the following guidelines carefully, the well-being and safety of the children or young people in your group depends on your understanding and supervision.

Adult Supervision

For pre-schools, primary and secondary schools, the following ratios of adult to child/young person are required:

For children aged between 3 and 5 years old **1:4**

For children aged between 5 and 8 years old **1:8**

For young people aged 8 years and above **1:8**

Safety Guidelines

- No food should be eaten outside designated eating areas (i.e. the Café and the classroom).
- Eat only food that you have brought with you, or food for human consumption you have bought on the farm in designated areas - never eat food that has fallen to the ground, or taste animal foods.
- **Do not take animal feed into the yard. Feed the animals from outside the yard.**
- Ensure that children/young people **do not** enter the animal areas without appropriate adult supervision.
- Do not suck fingers or put hands, pens, pencils or crayons etc in mouths.
- Ensure that children/young people do not enter the wildlife area.
- After being in contact with any of the animals, or animal areas, hand washing is essential. Teachers and or accompanying staff, assistants, or parents should ensure that each individual washes their hands thoroughly, and that they themselves wash their hands.
- Ensure individual children/young people do not leave the group.
- Ensure that children/young people do not go near machines or vehicles.
- Ensure that nobody in your party opens any bottles, barrels, or drums on the farm site – some hazardous materials are used on site.
- Ensure that nobody in your party attempts to climb on stacks of hay or straw, these can be dangerous.
- Any gates that are open should be closed immediately after.

Thank you for your attention, we hope you enjoy your visit.