Risk Assessment for Food and Farming

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Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
Farm Visit. Collision injury caused by car or passing vehicle whilst walking along the road to/from the farm.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	• FST to warn of dangers involved in walking along the road, especially in low light or at night. • FST to establish system of signaling when a car is coming, e.g. a loud whistle blast, and instruct VSA/VC on routine. All to step off the road face the traffic and wait until it has passed. • FST to ensure that a VSA or FST is positioned at the back and front of the group to signal when car is coming. They should also be wearing high visibility jacket. • FST to ensure group is all on the same side of the road, and change sides of the road at blind spots on corners. • FST/VSA to ensure that VC walk in pairs along the road. • FST/VSA to ensure that any torches carried are properly monitored to avoid dazzling passing drivers in cars and blinding other individuals causing temporary blindness and/or disorientation. •	MED
VSA/VC separated from group and lost in local area, with possibility of abduction	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	• FST to warn of dangers involved in walking along the road, and in rural areas. • FST to ensure that a VSA or FST is positioned at the back and front of the group. • FST/VSA to ensure that VC walk in pairs along the road, each partner looking out for other partner. • FST to remind VSA to conduct regular head counts of group to ensure no one gets left behind anywhere along the route.	LOW

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Reaction to animal that may cause discomfort to allergy sufferers.	FST VSA VC	8	5	40	• FST to warn of potential discomfort to allergy sufferers. • Hooke Court Information to Visiting Staff to include a warning for VSA and VC to ensure precautions can be taken or medication brought with school.	LOW
Stomach upset, virus or reaction caused by insect/reptile bite, or contact with poisonous plants or fungi	FST VSA VC CGS	1	75	75	• FST to warn of danger caused by snakes and biting insects, VSA/VC must inform FST of anything remotely causing concern. • FST to be aware of plants and fungi to be avoided and check activity site prior to activity taking place for potential hazard. • FST to be aware of insects which may cause infections/reactions or diseases. Ticks may be found in bracken, and snakes in boggy areas, FST may use discretion to avoid such areas if possible during summer periods.	LOW
Infection in new or existing wound from water, mud animal or general dirt.	FST VSA VC	2	10	20	• FST to warn of danger and provide surgical gloves and waterproof plasters to protect existing or new injuries. • FST to ensure first Aid kit taken on activity and that kit has sufficient supplies to cater for size group. • FST to remind all VSA VC to wash hands with anti bacterial soap and hot water after activity or before any food is handled. •	LOW
Stomach upset, virus or disease caused by contact with animals water, mud, or general dirt.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	• FST to warn of danger to group if they don't follow simple safety guidelines. To include not putting fingers into mouth, chewing pencils etc. • FST/VSA to ensure VC do not splash water, farmyard muck or mud during the activity. • FST/VSA/VC to wash hands with soap and hot water after activity and before eating FST/VSA/VC to wash hands with soap and hot water after activity and before eating.	LOW

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Injury caused by farm machinery, stationary or moving.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	• FST to warn of hazard before the group enter the farmyard, outlining safe practice whilst at the farm. • All visitors, FST, VSA and VC should act cautiously at all times around the farm. • At no point should anyone make loud and/or unexpected noises. • No one should run or hurry about the farm area. • VSA should remain with VC at all times, VC to remain with partners at all times. • FST, VSA and VC should listen to all instructions given by the farmer, or their representative at all times. • VSA should enforce these instructions at all times and remove form the farm any children who cannot act safely upon the instructions given.	LOW
Slip, trip or fall	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	• FST, VSA and VC should listen to all instructions given by the farmer, or their representative at all times. • FST/VSA should ensure that suitable footwear is worn by all participants. • FST should be aware of the prevailing or recent weather conditions during and preceding the activity and take extra precautions should the conditions dictate. • Extra care should be taken, FST to stress importance of care whilst in mucky and muddy yards and areas. • Farmers and FST to warn of steep drop in milking parlour and ensure that all VC/VSA are kept well back away from the edge.	LOW
Injury caused by farm animal.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	• Farmer to ensure animals safely penned • Farmer and FST to warn of danger when feeding the calves and baby animals. • At no point should anyone make loud noises. •	LOW
Deep water at trout	FST	2	75	75	• HC give safety briefing before and children	LOW

farm	VSA VC				to be supervised by their staff	
Photo period shed at trout farm	FST VSA VC	2	75	75	• Safety briefing before entering that there are open windows over a deep pool. Member of staff to stand by the open windows	LOW
Polytunnel Visit	FST VSA VC	5	10	50	• FST to pre-visit polytunnel to ensure tools are out of reach of VC. • FST to check with school of any potential allergies.	
Food and Farming Cooking.						
Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
Burn or scald from hot food, induction hob or cooking pot/equipment.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	• Only small amounts of food to cooked at any one time to avoid excessive weight or over balancing. • Only induction hobs, rather than electric type rings to be used. • Induction hobs to be positioned close to electric socket avoiding risk of anyone tripping on flex, or pulling hot pans, food etc onto anyone. • Each Hob to be directly supervised by FST and/or VSA. • Oven glove or similar to be used at all times by FST when working with fire. • Size of fire to be kept to a minimum. • No running or rushing in cooking areas.	LOW
Stomach upset or illness caused by eating food. Including hedgerow and garden provisions.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	• FST, VSA and VC to wash hands with anti-bac soap and water prior to cooking and handling all foodstuffs. • Any open cuts or injuries to be covered before handling foodstuffs with blue detectable plasters and surgical glove if necessary. • All food to be thoroughly cooked prior to eating. • All ingredients (common use e.g. flour and sugar) to be changed regularly, and if content is uncertain after use.	LOW

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Slip or fall on water or foodstuffs.	FST VSA ,VC CGS	2	20	40	• FST to warn of danger, no running or rushing in cooking areas. • Cleaning resources available in each work area to immediately clear away any spillage. • FST to ensure clear and unobstructed walk ways in cooking areas at all times.	LOW
Food allergy, or other reaction, causing allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	• FST to check group file prior to session and ensures foodstuff removed from working areas. • FST and office staff to clearly mark on group program to food allergies. • All foodstuffs of similar type to be stored separately in sealed containers to avoid any cross contamination. • Hooke Court to try and ensure all common allergy foodstuffs are not commonly used in cooking activities.	LOW
Knives or other sharp utensils causing cut or other type of injury, including in Poly tunnel.	FST VSA VC	8	5	40	• FST to warn of danger and to demonstrate the safe method for using a knife, sawing on steady protected surface, no stabbing or chopping. • Knives to be counted out and counted in. • Only blunt edge type utensils to be used where possible. • Sharp knives may be used at the discretion of the FST. • No running or rushing in cooking areas. • Utensils to be kept on tables during session. Only removed to be washed up. • All HC CGS to ensure that any sharps, pruning tools etc. are removed from the poly tunnel.	LOW

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