

Risk Assessment Guidance:

Farmyard and Adventure playground

It is the responsibility of a school or college representative to carry out a specific risk assessments for any organised visit. Please contact the Bookings team via visit@chatsworth.org to arrange your free pre-visit to prepare your own risk assessment. Please be aware of the following:

- Education Authority guidelines concerning the correct pupil / staff supervision ratio must be strictly adhered to at all times in all areas of the Farmyard and adventure playground.
- High standards of behaviour are expected; staff accompanying the visiting group have full responsibility for supervising those in their care.
- Chatsworth House staff will intervene where the behaviour of the group is disruptive, unruly or likely to cause offence or present a risk to any other visitor in the area.
- All notices and barriers must be respected.

The below information will assist you in creating a clear and thorough risk assessment in preparation for your visit. For further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Education team on education@chatsworth.org



Hazard	Persons at risk	Control measures: Chatsworth considerations	Control measures: Group leader considerations
Weather	Pupils /Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise group leader re adverse weather/road conditions • Conditions in playground monitored closely/closed if necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing- waterproofs, warm clothing, wellingtons, sun hats
Uneven Surfaces/gradient	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps • Lift • Warning signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise no running
Steps	Pupil/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand rail • One way signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise no running • Adhere to one way signs
Animal Movement	Pupil/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement kept as much as possible to closed times • Staff liaison with groups 	



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Infection and illness - re contact with animals	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample signs and hand washing facilities top and bottom yard • Health notes issued on arrival • Designated eating areas • Routine health program for animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise hand washing • Cover open cuts with a plaster pre visit • Food and drink to be eaten in designated areas
Muck Heap	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision
Fire	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire procedure- trained marshals • No smoking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision and co-operation if needed
Traffic on Driveway and Top Yard	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estate workers aware • Signs on drive entrance • Staff liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision
Cattle Grid at Entrance	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs to advise use of adjacent gate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision
Number of children	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre booking a requirement for groups • Details registered on arrival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to LEA recommended staff/child ratios for day visits
Adventure Playground Equipment	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked daily pre-opening • Checked fortnightly by Health & Safety representative for Farmyard & annually by manufacturer • Supervised constantly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines given re appropriate equipment • supervision
Stream in Playground	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored in wet weather • Water can be diverted to keep stream very shallow • Water tested annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision
Access Trailer	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level steps with twin fixed hand rails • Three point inertia reel seat belts • Four point wheel chair restraints and inertia reel seat belts for wheel chair users • Emergency alarm button to alert driver who also carries a two way radio • Drivers fully trained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision • Adheres to safety guidelines advised by driver
First Aid	Pupils/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully qualified on site first aid team. • Contactable by all staff in case of emergency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for first aid and safe behavior • First aid kit • Identified first aid trained member of staff.