



## **Farm Visits and Risks**

Welcome to Jake's Mini Farm. Visiting our farm is an enjoyable and educational experience for all, however, such visits can never be free from all risks. Farm animals may carry a number of infections that can be harmful to people. In order to reduce the risks of infection, Jake's has put together these few simple rules for you to follow:

**Please remember that once you are outside on the farm you are unable to come back into the playbarn**

### **WHAT TO DO WHEN VISITING A FARM**

**Following these simple rules will help keep you and your children safe from E.Coli 0157 and other infections that may be found on open farms.**

**Pregnant women need to take particular care.**

- ✗** Do not put hands on faces or fingers in mouths while petting and feeding the animals, or when walking around the farm.
- ✗** Do not kiss farm animals nor allow children to put their faces close to animals.
- ✗** Do not eat or drink while touching animals or walking around the farm. (This includes not eating sweets, crisps or chewing gum).
- ✗** Do not eat anything that has fallen on the floor.
- ✗** Do not use gels or wipes as a replacement for washing hands with soap and water (Gels and wipes do not remove E.Coli 0157 and other germs in dirt).
- ✓** Please supervise your children at all times as there are large areas of open water.
- ✓** Please remove shoes when using the jumping pillows.
- ✓** There are a number of handwash stations available to you. Please ensure that you regularly and thoroughly wash your hands using soap and water, and particularly, before eating and drinking, after touching or feeding animals, before and after using the play areas and before you leave.
- ✓** Do remove boots and shoes that may have become soiled and clean pushchair wheels. Then wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- ✓** Do supervise children closely to ensure they wash their hands thoroughly.
- ✓** Do eat and drink in designated picnic areas or cafes only.

### **What should I do if I feel unwell after a farm visit?**

If anyone in your group is sick or has diarrhoea within two weeks of visiting a farm contact your GP or call the NHS direct on 111 as soon as possible.

**LISTEN OUT FOR OUR ANIMAL HANDLING ANNOUNCEMENTS  
DURING WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR YOUR  
CHANCE TO COME AND MEET SOME OF OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS**