



Strawberry How Nursery School

Visit to Whinlatter Risk Assessment 43

This trip will take place between 9.45am –12.00 noon.

Transport will consist of a small 24 seater coach (with a driver who has been CRB checked) supplied by Robert Benson. The coach will remain with the group. Parents were initially given notification via a letter and in the Nursery's **May** Newsletter and by email, they were asked to request a place if they wished their child to participate.

The children will have their morning snack before they leave the nursery. Drinks of water will be taken on the visit and offered to the children regularly

Mr Richardson and Mrs Richardson will visit the site the day before the visit to ensure the fields/ farm yard area is safe and free of any dangerous items.

The children will leave the Nursery at 9.45am on the coach and travel to Low Stanger Farm. Once there, they will meet up with the farm guide Michelle. They will be led around the farm by the guide and the adults for approximately 1hr 30 mins.

Reconnaissance information attached.

Risks defined 1 – 5 (with 5 offering significant risk)

Assessment of Risk – the overall setting – Low Stanger Farm (RA 1-2)

Low Stanger Farm is approximately 1.9 miles away from the nursery. It will take 10 mins to get there by coach. There is good, safe access to Low Stanger Farm from the bus without crossing any roads. This risk assessment is to be used along side the Farm's general risk assessment, (see in risk assessment file).

Assessment of Risk – Clothing (RA1)

Parents will be advised by letter to dress their children in clothing suitable for an outside farm walk/activity bearing in mind the changeable nature of Cumbrian weather. Children will need suitable footwear for walking on gravelled and mud paths and fields. If any child has a cut or graze on their hand this must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

Assessment of Risk – Transport to Whinlatter (RA 1)

A small 24 seater coach with driver has been hired from Robert Benson. The coach is fitted with seat belts – no children will occupy the front seats, and child booster seats (platform type) will be used to accommodate

standard seat belt fittings. Nursery will provide booster sits for all the children. Distance = 1.9 miles and takes 10 minutes along country roads.

Assessment of Risk – Footpaths (RA 1-2)

From the parking area to the gated entrance of the path the ground under foot is RA2 with loose gravel and a dry hard surface. The children will need to be carefully supervised from the farmyard to the entrance of the barn. The footpaths within the farm are largely firmed gravel or dry mud and while they provide a small risk of slipping this is acceptable at RA1.5.

Assessment of Risk – Food (RA 1)

The children will not be having any food during this visit but will have regular drinks of water. Handwashing facilities are accessible for the children to use before having a drink.

Assessment of Risk – Medical (RA 1)

This risk assessment identifies a medical risk from the visit as no greater than any normal activity within the outside confines of the Nursery. There is also an element of walking on unlevelled ground which will be supervised by the adults. The walk to the clearing is actually far shorter than the recent walk to Cockermouth.

Items to take on the visit will include:

- First Aid kit
- Bucket/Paper towels
- Bottled Hand Wash
- Mobile telephones
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Medical information
- Large bottle of water
- Paper napkins and plastic cups
- Black Bin Bags