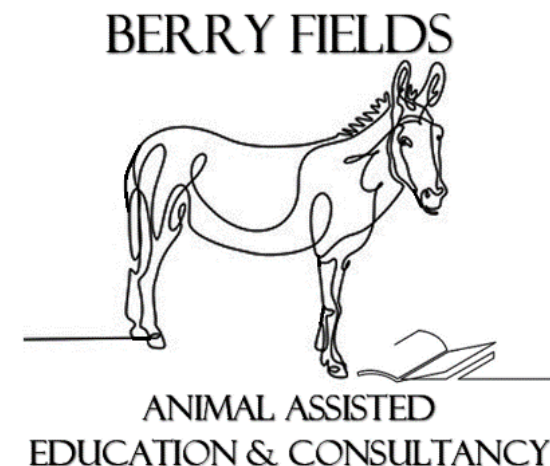


# Equine Facilitated Learning

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## Berry Fields Animal Assisted Education – Berry Fields Yard Based Activities - Risk Assessment Document.

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Hazard	Who is affected/at risk	Risk rating (low, medium or high)	Actions/control measures	Person responsible
Bites, kicks, scratches.	Staff, volunteers , pupils and handlers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equines must have a good temperament and be used to being around children</li> <li>Equines must be well trained and used to be handled by range of different people with varying needs.</li> <li>Handler(s) will remain with equines at all times</li> <li>Visitors are taught how to approach</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp

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			<p>and interact with the equines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All equines will have a mood check prior to any session taking place.</li> <li>● Visitors with additional needs will be given a visual horse emotion fan to take away with them after their session to enable them to understand the different signals a horse will display to show how they are feeling.</li> <li>● All volunteers and visitors will have a short induction to how we interact and move safely around the equines.</li> <li>● All visitors engaging with the handling of horses must where sensible shoes and headwear. Notices are displayed in the hat and grooming station.</li> <li>● First aid kits are stored in the horse transport, hat and grooming area and the learning cabin.</li> </ul>	
Poor hygiene and health risks	Staff, pupils and handlers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All equines that visit are vaccinated, wormed, and in good health.</li> <li>● Equines are groomed before the visit</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff, pupils and visitors are required to wash their hands after contact with equines.</li> <li>• Berry Fields yard environment is kept well ordered, clean and free from hazards.</li> </ul>	
Phobias	Staff and pupils		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultations are encouraged for people visiting with phobias so that they are aware of the contents of sessions prior to visiting and how they can be tailored to suit their needs and ensure the wellbeing of the equines is not compromised.</li> <li>• Contact with equines is optional, visitors may choose to observe the herd rather than interact.</li> <li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate area for those with a phobia until they are happy to interact safely.</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp
Activities involving the equines	Staff, pupils, visitors, equines and handlers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler(s) remain with equines at all times</li> <li>• Handler(s) ensure the area and activity is safe</li> <li>• Handler(s) clean up urine and</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp

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			faeces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We set a time limit on activities so our equines do not get tired or are over worked.</li> </ul>	
Children, visitors behaviour	Visitors, equines and handlers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors are told in advance what to expect and how to behave.</li> <li>• Berry Fields code of conduct is displayed at the venue and online. This is shown to any new visitor attending.</li> <li>• School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset dogs</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp
Fire	Visitors, equines and handlers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Safety policy in place.</li> <li>• Fire safety policy in place.</li> <li>• Assembly point shared with visitors.</li> <li>• Fire Extinguisher stored centrally in the learning cabin.</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp
Trips and falls	Visitors, staff, volunteers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors made aware that Berry Fields is a walking site as it is a working yard.</li> <li>• Visitors made aware that there may be uneven surfaces around the site.</li> </ul>	Rachel Hartopp

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			For example within the paddock or wood area.	