

# ANIMAL CONTACT ADVICE

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be passed onto humans, where they may cause ill health. Some of these such as E Coli O157, present a serious hazard to health and can cause severe illness.

**The risk can be controlled by following these simple measures during your visit:**

- ✓ Wash hands properly with soap and water
  - \* After touching animals or their pens
  - \* After leaving the animal contact areas
  - \* Before eating or drinking
  - \* After changing footwear
  - \* Before leaving the farm
- ✓ Supervise children to wash their hands properly
- ✓ Cover all cuts and grazes with a waterproof dressing/plaster
- ✗ Do not kiss animals
- ✗ Do not eat, drink or breastfeed whilst in the animal areas
- ✗ Do not let children touch animals or railings if they suck their fingers
- ✗ Do not allow children to suck their fingers or put anything in their mouth when in the animal areas, including small toys/comfort blankets
- ✗ Do not reuse dummies if they touch the floor, until they have been sterilised
- ✓ Wash footwear and buggy wheels before leaving the farm

**If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhea) after a visit, they should visit a doctor explaining they have had recent contact with animals.**