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Croxteth Hall operates a working farm. Our farm rangers or other farm staff (identifiable in their purple sweatshirts with the Croxteth logo) will be pleased to offer advice and information or assistance if required.

Please read the following safety notes before your visit to ensure the comfort and safety of your group.

Before your visit please ensure:

- all children are suitably clothed for an outdoor visit
- suitable footwear is worn; sturdy outdoor shoes or wellingtons are preferred - sandals are not suitable for the farm
- cuts and grazes are covered with a waterproof dressing
- children are asked *and reminded* not to kiss or pet the animals.

During your visit please ensure:

- children are aware the ground is cobbled and may be uneven. Ask them to walk not run at all times. Running will also frighten the animals
- children stay in their groups with a member of teaching staff or authorised adult at all times
- children do not kiss or pet the animals
- children should only have contact with the animals under the direct guidance and supervision of a farm ranger or member of Croxteth Home Farm staff
- when instructed, approach and handle animals quietly and gently
- after contact with animals hands should be cleaned thoroughly using gel from the dispensers provided in the farm near the farm shop
- food is not consumed on the farm, except in a designated eating area. Do not eat food that has fallen onto the ground
- children do not suck or put fingers in mouths
- children do not feed animals unless instructed to do so by staff
- children do not climb on walls or animal pens
- children do not play or climb on farm equipment or machinery
- boots or shoes are cleaned by wiping feet on the disinfected mats at the entrance and exit points on the farm
- hands are washed thoroughly before eating or leaving the farm. Please use the gel dispensers provided near the Farm Shop. Allow yourself plenty of time so that children do not have to rush.

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Before your visit please ask your child/children to listen to the instructions of teachers and farm staff during the visit and ensure:

- children are suitably clothed for an outdoor visit
- suitable footwear is worn; sturdy outdoor shoes or wellingtons are preferred - sandals are not suitable for the farm
- any cuts or grazes are covered with a waterproof dressing
- children are asked to stay in their groups with a member of teaching staff or school supervisor at all times and listen carefully to instructions on where to go and what to do
- children are asked not to approach or have contact with animals unless under the direct supervision of a farm ranger or member of Croxtheth Home Farm staff
- when instructed, approach and handle animals *quietly* and *gently*.
- after contact with animals hands should be cleaned using the cleaning gel available from dispensers in the farm. Hands should always be cleaned **before eating** or **before leaving the farm**. Dispensers are provided in the farm near the farm shop
- children are asked not to consume food or drink on the farm (including sweets and chewing gum), except in a designated eating area unless for a school supervised medical reason. Never eat any food that has fallen to the ground
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- children are asked not to feed the animals unless instructed to do so by staff
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Children can identify our farm rangers and Home Farm staff by their purple shirts/sweatshirts or blue jackets with a gold Croxtheth logo on it.