

## St Mary's Risk Assessment for Keeping Chickens

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Measure to Control Risk</u>	<u>Are Control Measures in Place – Yes/No</u>	<u>If No State the Action to be Taken.</u>	<u>Residual Risk</u> High, Medium, Low
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the animal(s) considered to be suitable for children? If you are unsure it may be helpful to consult the RSPCA.</li> <li>• Is a member of staff responsible for the welfare of the animals taking into account weekend and holiday periods?</li> <li>• Are appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that staff receive adequate information/instruction regarding the keeping and handling of animals?</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chickens suitable.</li> <li>• Mrs McKinlay &amp; Mrs A Turnbull responsible for welfare including holidays/weekends.</li> <li>• Mrs R Strong supports over summer holidays.</li> <li>• Staff/parents responsible have researched welfare and take advice from experts where possible.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>
Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the animal(s) been purchased from a reputable supplier?</li> <li>• Has the animal(s) been vaccinated against known diseases?</li> <li>• Are appropriate disinfectants available for staff to wipe down surfaces?</li> <li>• Are staff and pupils instructed to wash their hands before and after</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chickens were purchased from a reputable site on the internet.</li> <li>• Animals have not been vaccinated.</li> <li>• Disinfectants kept by Mrs Turnbull.</li> <li>• All children who have any contact are always instructed to wash their hands. Children who help collect eggs and clean out house wear gloves and use hand gel also.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>

	<p>contact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are arrangements in place to clean and disinfect housing at regular intervals by staff or children under direct supervision?</li> <li>• When necessary is appropriate clothing/equipment available e.g. gloves?</li> <li>• Is the housing inspected on a regular basis for damage?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House cleaned once a week. Children supervised by Mr Robinson, one of the cleaners.</li> <li>• Children who collect eggs/clean coop wear protective footwear, suits and gloves. Masks available if required.</li> <li>• House inspected once a fortnight for any damage. Mrs Turnbull also monitors any requirements.</li> </ul>	
Allergic Reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do staff or pupils have any known allergic reactions to animals, bedding feed?</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No known allergies.</li> <li>• Children who have regular contact have parental consent.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>
Bites and Scratches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are arrangements in place for first aid e.g. to wash all animal bites and scratches and to seek medical advice if in doubt about the risk of infection?</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always access to first aid kits.</li> <li>• Parents are informed of any incidents.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>
Substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are any substances used for cleaning covered by COSHH?</li> <li>• If the substance is not covered by COSHH, is it stored and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations i.e. details contained in the data sheet?</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any substances are locked away with other school supplies.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>
Are there any other foreseeable	<p><u>List any additional control measures:</u> Coop creosoted over two-week half term break</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken coop area is locked and key is kept in the office.</li> </ul>	<u>Low</u>

hazards associated with the keeping and handling of animals?	Wellies provided for children entering the coop			
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