

Working Safely with Coronavirus

I would firstly like to give a huge thankyou to the management team, staff and all those who attended the farm over the past year for following the restrictions and control measures we had in place to keep Covid-19 at bay, to date we have not had one case at the farm, great work.

Over the past year we continued to follow the Government guidelines and the roadmap out of lockdown. At the beginning of July 2021, we reviewed the restriction and control measures already in place and decided given some of our students are among the most vulnerable in the community and remembering we will have to live with this terrible virus for some time to come and try to get back to some sort of normality, we made the following adjustments to the control measures we had in place:

Numbers attending the farm: From the 19th of July we increased numbers of students attending the farm in line with staffing levels, increase volunteer numbers to a maximum of four a day, remain closed to the public, visits by appointment only.

Wearing of Mask: Mask should still be worn by staff and volunteers when working one to one for a period of time.

Arriving and leaving the farm: Current procedures remain in place given it is summer, to be reviewed in the autumn.

Social Distancing: No need to Social Distance but be mindful of personal space (which is normally a metre apart) markings/signs remain in place for those who wish to continue to keep two metres apart and if we need to go back to step 3.

Bubbles: The bubble system to remain in place however increase numbers in bubbles to 4 to 1 plus satellites.

Hygiene/cleaning: Continue with the procedures we have in place.

Testing: Continue to test staff and volunteers in line with the procedures we have in place

Track and Trace: Continue with the procedures we have in place.

Ventilation: Where possible doors and windows should remain open.

Testing Positive for COVID: Continue to follow the procedures as laid down on the COVID action flow chart.

All staff are fully vaccinated and are PCR tested weekly, staff who have close contact with students are lateral flow tested daily when at the farm as are our farm volunteers. For full details please visit the farm website where you will find the Covid risk assessment, Working Safely during Covid plus updates regarding Covid-19.

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