

Working Safely with the Coronavirus

Like the rest of the country the farm went into lockdown from the end of March and stayed in lockdown until the beginning of June, during this period of time we all worked hard on preparing the farm for when we could reopen it again safely and at the same time followed guidelines/advice issued by the Government.

We now have in place procedures for Working Safely with Covid-19 a Risk Assessment with control measures to manage social distancing and good hygiene which include a bubble system, staggering arrival and departure time, registration now completed in the riding school, social distancing signs both on the floor and doors, face coverings worn in communal areas, increased washing stations and arrival procedures which include handwashing, signing in for track and trace and temperatures being taken each morning, these are just a few of the control measures we have introduced to keep all those at the farm safe.

At the beginning of June we welcomed the return of our adult students and some of our staff, it was great to see them all again after such a long time away and I think they missed us as much as we missed them, in September our school aged children returned with the rest of our staff and again it was nice to see them all back at the farm. Currently we are working up to six bubbles each day with four persons to each bubble which is working well and enable us to maintain social distancing.

We will continue to follow guidelines/advice issued by the Government, review the risk assessment and the processes we have in place so that we continue to keep all those at the farm safe and Covid-19 at bay.

Rob Ham – Vice Chair 14/10/20