



For the Teacher

Safety Elements to Consider Visitor Information

INSURANCE

- You may be asked to provide a letter advising that the school's liability insurance covers students during field trips



HEALTH

- The very nature of a farm visit means that students may get a bit dirty. Before the visit, teach them the importance of washing their hands after touching animals or items that animals may have licked or chewed
- Be aware that students can contract illnesses from animals such as leptospirosis, ringworm and diarrhoea
- Ensure students wash their hands after touching animals during farm visit



SAFETY

- Road safety on private roads as well as public roads is vital
- Make sure students know what to do in an emergency – what to do, where to go, who to call
- Cows are much bigger than junior primary students – they are significantly above their eye level – meeting them face to face can be intimidating
- All animals can be unpredictable, especially if startled or protecting their young
- Do not chase or frighten the animals. Approach and handle animals quietly and gently
- Do not climb on gates, fences or animal pens unless given permission

VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

- Walk around the farm with the students and identify hazards together
- Students need to understand why tractors can be so dangerous
- Adult supervision is the key: for young students, it needs to be close and active
- Lead by example. i.e. always wear an approved helmet on an ATV
- Listen carefully to instructions and information given by the farm staff
- Do not use or pick up tools (e.g. spades and forks) unless permitted to do so by farm staff

