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| RISK ASSESSMENT **Insert school name** | Activity/Area – Keeping Chickens | | LogoColK.jpgLogoColK.jpg |
| **Assessment completed by:** | **Date Completed:** |  |
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| **Hazard / Risk** | **Who is at Risk?** | **How can the hazards cause harm?** | **Normal Control Measures** | **Are Normal Control Measures** *Y/N/NA* | |
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| **In Place** | **Adequate** |
| **Animal Health** Diseases , parasites | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | Disease/infections | * Only healthy animals obtained from accredited or high-quality sources. * Animals must not be able to come into contact with wild rodents etc. due to the possibility of disease transmission. * Arrangements in place for care during holidays / weekends * Someone involved is experienced in the housing, feeding, handling and care requirements. * Cages and tanks kept secure and clean for the wellbeing of the animal and the pupils and staff. |  |  |
| **Bites and scratches** | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | Disease/infections | * Pupils instructed in handling animals and closely   supervised   * Keep animals away from face * Try to wear long sleeves when handling |  |  |
| **Cuts / minor injury from defective housing** | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | Disease/infections | * Animal housing inspected regularly for defects |  |  |
| **Allergy**  **Phobias** | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | skin rashes, irritation to the eyes and nose or breathing difficulties | * Children / staff known to have allergic   reactions / phobias to specific animals have restricted access.   * Good general hygiene and hand washing followed. |  |  |
| **Hygiene**  Infection | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | Disease/infections | * Adequate provision for hand washing (soap hot water) readily available.(This could be back in classroom toilets) * Paper towels provided rather than communal hand towels. * Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed. * Younger pupils observed to ensure they wash their hands. * All wounds on exposed skin are suitably covered. * Regular cleaning of the chicken coop. * Soiled bedding disposed of in sealed plastic bags with normal refuse. * Foodstuffs stored carefully to prevent contamination and infestation. |  |  |
| **Keeping farm animals** | Staff/Pupils and Visitors | Disease/nfection | * Check that other members of the school / neighbours are happy with arrangements * Registration with DEFRA (only required if, for example you had > 50 chickens DEFRA encourage keepers to register voluntarily to alert owners in case of disease outbreaks) * Birds separated from wild birds and their faeces. Due to the possibility of disease transmission |  |  |
| **Vermin (rats) and foxes** | Staff and Pupils | Disease  Attack on chickens causing injury or death | * Store all chicken feed in a sealed container * Have regular pest control visits and baiting for rats * Secure the chicken coop and yard to prevent foxes entering. |  |  |

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| **Additional Control Measures**  *(to take account of local/individual circumstances including changes such as working practices, equipment, staffing levels).* | **Action by Whom**  *(list the name of the person/people who have been designated to conduct actions)* | **Action by When**  *(set timescales for the completion of the actions – remember to prioritise them)* | **Action Completed**  *(record the actual date of completion for each action listed)* | **Residual Risk Rating** |
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| **Reviewed by:**  **Signature:** | **COMMENTS:**  *Record any comments reviewer wishes to make. Including recommendations for future reviews.* | | | |
| **PRINT NAME:** |

Further guidance

CLEAPSS guidance documents:

L56 Housing and Keeping Animals

Laboratory Handbook (section 14.1).

PS86A Farm animals in school and on visits

PS55 bringing pets and other animals into schools

[www.cleapss.co.uk](http://www.cleapss.co.uk)

Get your hands dirty

Resource to help teachers consider the issues involved in growing plants/ caring for animals in school

<http://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/>

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| **RESIDUAL RISK RATING** | **ACTION REQUIRED** |
| **VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring** | **The activity must not take place at all.**  You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. |
| **HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring** | You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.  Seek further advice, e.g. from your H&S Consultant |
| **MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 7 day absence occurring** | If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely. |
| **LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only** | No further action required. |