



Penthwell Farm Ltd - Infection Control & Biosecurity Policy

At Penthwell Farm Ltd, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of hygiene and biosecurity to protect the health of our visitors, participants, staff, and animals. This policy outlines measures to prevent the spread of infection, ensure safe interactions, and promote responsible farming practices.

1. Purpose

This policy aims to:

- Minimise the risk of infectious diseases to humans and animals
- Ensure safe handling of animals, food, and farm equipment
- Promote good hygiene practices among staff, visitors, and participants
- Support ethical and sustainable farming practices

2. Scope

This policy applies to all:

- Farm staff, volunteers, and contractors
- Visitors and participants attending dog training, SEN sessions, or outdoor learning activities
- Handling, processing, or delivery of lamb boxes
- Farm premises, including animal areas, learning spaces, and preparation areas

3. General Hygiene Practices

- All staff, volunteers, and participants must wash hands before and after animal contact, before eating, and after handling farm equipment
- Hand sanitiser is available at key locations throughout the farm
- Protective clothing (e.g., gloves, aprons, boots) is provided and must be worn where appropriate
- Surfaces, tools, and equipment are cleaned and disinfected regularly

4. Animal Health & Biosecurity

- All animals are monitored for signs of illness, and veterinary care is provided as needed
- Sick animals are isolated promptly to prevent spread of disease
- Visitors are advised not to touch animals if unwell or if they have open wounds



- Access to certain areas may be restricted during disease outbreaks

5. Food & Lamb Box Safety

- Lamb boxes are prepared and stored in accordance with food hygiene regulations
- Staff handling meat wear protective clothing and follow strict hygiene protocols
- Delivery and handling processes are designed to minimise contamination risk
- Traceability of all meat is maintained to ensure full transparency and safety

6. Control Measures for Specific Activities

- Dog Training & Animal-Assisted Learning:
 - Dogs are regularly health-checked and vaccinated
 - Equipment and training spaces are cleaned between sessions
- SEN & Outdoor Learning Sessions:
 - Hygiene routines are adapted for young people, including handwashing, sanitising, and safe interaction zones
 - Shared equipment is cleaned between groups

7. Staff Training

- All staff receive training on infection control, biosecurity, and hygiene best practices
- Updates are provided in line with current public health guidance

8. Reporting & Response

- Any suspected infection in humans or animals must be reported immediately to the farm manager
- Appropriate containment, cleaning, and medical advice will be implemented
- Incidents are recorded and reviewed to improve safety procedures

9. Commitment

Penthwell Farm Ltd is committed to:

- Protecting the health of everyone on the farm
- Maintaining high standards of hygiene and biosecurity
- Promoting safe, ethical, and responsible farming and learning experiences



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