

## **School Guidance – Infectious Diseases**

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#### **Farm visits**

Visiting a farm is an enjoyable and educational experience for many people, particularly children.

However, visiting a farm carries a small risk of catching infection from animals or the environment.

Farm animals can be the source of several bugs that can be passed from animals to humans and cause illness. Some can be particularly serious for children or pregnant women.

People can follow simple [hygiene steps](#) to help reduce their risk.

UKHSA has produced videos for use on social media to explain the risks. These are available on our [shared drive](#) - please email [externalaffairs@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:externalaffairs@ukhsa.gov.uk) if you are experiencing difficulties accessing these files.