

Risk Assessment: Keeping Racing Pigeons in School

Assessment carried out by:	Mr Chris Ryan	Date:	22/02/18	Due for review on:	September 1st
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Hazards	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Further action required, if any	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Completed
<p>Zoonotic disease</p> <p>Contact with pigeon faeces via shoes, housing, equipment and handling the birds.</p>	<p>Pupils Staff/Supervisors Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils are given hygiene and safety briefings before working with the birds. They are reminded not to touch their faces or put anything in their mouths while working with the pigeons and they are required to wash their hands immediately afterwards. Pupils are not permitted to eat and drink in the pigeon loft. Hand-washing signage is in place to remind anyone who has touched the pigeons or their housing/ equipment to wash their hands. Hand gel will be used for immediate visible contamination but additional hand-washing remains compulsory. Fresh cuts and grazes are covered before working with the birds. Pupils are required to wear outdoor shoes when entering the pigeon loft The pigeon loft is kept suitably clean Pigeon faeces will be taken off site daily and disposed of suitably 	<p>Handwashing signs to be ordered</p>	<p>Mr Ryan Mrs Cocker</p>	<p>10th march</p>	
<p>Allergic reactions and respiratory problems</p>	<p>Pupils Staff/Supervisors Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils with known allergies are not permitted to carry out potentially risky tasks such as adding bedding to the loft. Pupils are reminded in their hygiene and safety briefing to let a member of staff know if they feel 				

<p>Contact with feathers, straw or bedding materials, inhalation of products such as diatomaceous earth</p>		<p>unwell at any point during or after working with the birds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When mite dusting the house pupils are required to wear dust masks and pupils with known respiratory problems are not permitted to take part in this activity. • A low dust bedding will be used. 				
<p>Injuries from the pigeon</p> <p>Scratches and pecks</p>	<p>Pupils Staff/ Supervisors Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are briefed on working safely with the pigeons, including proper animal handling procedure. They are reminded not to hold the pigeons in front of their faces. • Claws are trimmed if necessary • Any birds that are consistently aggressive towards the children will be re-homed or culled. 				
<p>Injuries from pigeon loft and equipment</p> <p>Scratches, cuts, splinters, bruises.</p>	<p>Pupil Staff/ Supervisors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pigeon loft is checked on a regular schedule for maintenance issues. • Lightweight feeders, drinkers and appropriately sized tools are used. • Pupils are briefed on safe tool use. • Pupils are not permitted to carry heavy items such as bedding bales. 				
<p>Illness or injury from contact with pigeon health care products</p> <p>Allergies reaction, skin irritation, poisoning</p>	<p>Pupils Staff/ Supervisors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pigeon cleaning and health care products are stored safely in accordance with COSHH regulations. • Fresh cuts and grazes are covered before working with health care products. • Any pigeon medications must be mixed and administered and stored with strict supervision by staff. • Pupils are required to wash their hands immediately upon completion of cleaning/ health care tasks 	<p>First aid Kit to be ordered and kept inside the pigeon loft</p>	<p>Mr Ryan Mrs Cocker</p>	<p>1st March</p>	

Accidents	Pupils Staff/ Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate first aid arrangements in place at all times • Suitable footwear to be worn • Pupils entering the pigeon loft to be limited to 15 at any one time. • The working areas to be kept as clear of trip hazards as possible, for example brooms and shovels will be cleared away immediately after use. • Car battery for ETS Machine to remain inaccessible to the children at all times. 				
Vermin	Pupils/staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All food spillages to be cleaned up immediately. • No food to be left in feeders for prolonged periods • Food to be stored in vermin proof containers. • Regular checks made for signs of vermin and act accordingly. 				