



## Risk Assessment for Schools keeping animals.

Many schools keep animals as a fun and rewarding part of the resources available to teach the National Curriculum. Animals such as chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs can be used in lots of different ways both practical and theoretical to stimulate and enhance learning across all abilities.

This document is intended as a basis for you to produce a risk assessment for keeping an animal within an educational environment. You may wish to consider other hazards specific to the location where the animals are to be kept and the people coming into contact with the animals.

For further information you can contact the following organisations:

### The Health and Safety Executive

The Health and Safety Commission is responsible for health and safety regulation in Great Britain.  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk>

### CLEAPSS

Their services cover health & safety, risk assessments, sources and use of chemicals, living organisms and equipment in schools.  
<http://www.cleapps.co.uk>

### ROSPA

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is a registered charity providing information, advice, resources and training.  
<http://www.rospea.com/safetyeducation/atschool/policy.htm>

You can also contact Omlet with questions about the eggu, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs in the following ways:

**Phone** - Our customer service number 0845 450 2056

**Email** – [info@omlet.co.uk](mailto:info@omlet.co.uk)

**Web** – [www.omlet.co.uk](http://www.omlet.co.uk)

Risk	Measure to Control Risk	Are Control Measures in Place - Yes/No	If No State the Action to be Taken.	Residual Risk High, Medium, Low
<b>Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the animal(s) considered to be suitable for children? If you are unsure it may be helpful to consult the RSPCA.</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a member of staff responsible for the welfare of the animals taking into account weekend and holiday periods?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that staff receive adequate information / instruction regarding the keeping and handling of animals?</li> </ul>			
<b>Disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the animal(s) been purchased from a reputable supplier?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the animal(s) been vaccinated against known diseases? *See attached list for Omlet Chickens.</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are appropriate disinfectants available for staff to wipe down surfaces?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are staff and pupils instructed to wash their hands before and after contact?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are arrangements in place to clean and disinfect housing at regular intervals by staff or children under direct supervision?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When necessary is appropriate protective clothing/equipment available e.g. gloves?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the housing inspected on a regular basis for damage?</li> </ul>			
<b>Allergic Reactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do staff or pupils have any known allergic reactions to animals, bedding, feed?</li> </ul>			
<b>Bites and Scratches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are arrangements in place for first aid e.g. to wash all animal bites and scratches and to seek medical advice if in doubt about the risk of infection?</li> </ul>			

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<b>Substances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are any substances used for cleaning covered by COSHH?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the substance is not covered by COSHH, is it stored and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations i.e. details contained in the data sheet?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Are there any other foreseeable hazards associated with the keeping and handling of animals?</b></p> <p><b>Please circle YES / NO</b></p>	<p><u>List any additional control measures:</u></p>			
<b>ASSESSED BY</b>			<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>DATE</b>
				<b>REVIEW DATE</b>

### Vaccination Programme for Omlet Chickens

This is a complete list of the vaccinations that all chickens supplied by Omlet receive before delivery. The vaccinations will not require repeats or top ups.

Vaccine	Disease
Rispens – THV	Mareks Disease Virus / Turkeys Herpes Virus
Health Check	Salmonella / Bacterial Viruses
Paracox (on request)	Coccidiosis
Health Check	General Health Check
Gallivac S.e	Salmonella Enteriditis
D78	Infectious Bursal Disease / Gumborough Disease
Vitamins (spectrum) 2 days	Proactive / Preventative (general health)
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HB1 Nobliss	Newcastle Disease
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D78	Infectious Bursal Disease / Gumborough Disease
IB Variant	Infectious Bronchitis – 93B strain
Vitamins (spectrum) 2 days	Proactive / Preventative (general health)
ILT	Infectious Laryngotracheitis
M&S / Clone 30	Newcastle Disease / I Bronchitis – M41 Strain
TRT Live (Nemovac)	Turkey Rhino – Tracheitis
IB Primer (Fort Dodge)	Infectious Bronchitis – 274 strain
Manure test for worms	If positive treat 7 days before depopulation
IB941	Infectious Bronchitis – 793B strain
Blood test for:	20 samples taken from each flock
IBM41 IB793B	
ND MG & MS	
TRT	
AE	Avian Encephalomyelitis / Epidemic Tremors
TRT Live (Nemovac)	Turkey Rhino – Tracheitis
Test for Salmonella	60 Samples from each flock
Triple	Egg Drop Syndrome
	Newcastle Disease
	Infectious Bronchitis

