



# Risk Assessment Notes

## **Hygiene**

There are no transmissible diseases that can be contracted from the chicks. The eggs come from a government accredited hatchery. All the parent stock are vaccinated against transmissible diseases and are housed in a fully enclosed environment. This prevents ingress of airborne contaminants and strict bio-security arrangements for visitors and staff are in place. Parent stock are also tested for salmonella.

The eggs are sanitized prior to incubation and again treated with an industry approved sanitizer just prior to delivery to your school.

As with the handling of all animals, we strongly urge the washing of hands after handling, and appropriate signs are attached to the incubator and brooder box.

## **Animal Welfare**

Both the incubator and the brooder are self-contained and ensure the most ideal environment for the chicks. The chicks are suitable for handling by the children under supervision.

## **Feed**

The feed we supply is pelletised crumble which has been heat treated to minimize any contaminants.

## **Safety**

There is no risk of injury to the children by the chicks. They are unable to injure by pecking or scratching.

## **Allergies**

There are some children with allergies to egg substances. A check of the student registers should show if any are susceptible. If so, it would be advisable to discuss the issue with the parents and develop a plan to safeguard the child's health.

## **Assistance**

We supply a Helpline phone number for support and advice.

## **Weekend Care**

The chicks need daily supervision and weekend options are to visit them daily to feed and water them or the preferred option is to take or send them home to be cared for. If you don't have a teacher to do this, I'm sure there will be lots of responsible parents only too pleased to "baby sit" them for you. Notes are supplied for the weekend carers and the helpline number is available for their use.