

# Risk assessment – Peg Loom Weaving (schools)

Company name: Lettoch Farm

Assessment carried out by: Caitlin Barnes

Date of next review: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Date assessment was carried out: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Dirt/bacteria in fleece	Anyone who handles the fleece  Possibility of infection (through cuts/breaks in skin)	Fleece is carefully sorted to remove all visible dirt, before being washed/scoured in antibacterial soap then dried thoroughly	Risks explained to participants [including making sure they keep hands away from mouths. Staff (Caitlin) experienced in working with children so will explain this appropriately]  Any cuts/breaks in skin are covered – PPE (gloves) worn where necessary  <b>Hands are washed before, during and after handling fleece</b>	Staff (Caitlin) to explain risks and importance of hygiene practices  PPE (gloves) available  Participants	Before the workshop begins  During the workshop  After the workshop	
Allergies to lanolin	Anyone who handles the fleece  Possibility of irritation to skin	School staff will be aware of any participant who has a lanolin sensitivity	Gloves to be worn as required to minimise exposure or direct contact with fleece is avoided (based on a school staff assessment)	School staff to advise of any participants with lanolin allergy	Before the workshop begins	

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Presence of chemicals in fleeces (from farmers dipping sheep)	Anyone who handles the fleece  Possibility of irritation to skin	Shearers leave 3 months after dipping before shearing the sheep which ensures operator safety  Fleeces are stored for a minimum of a month after acquiring them  Fleeces are washed thoroughly before use	<b>Hands are washed before, during and after handling fleece</b>  Gloves to be worn by any participant who has sensitive skin	Staff (Caitlin)  School staff to check needs of their pupils	Before the workshop begins  During the workshop  After the workshop	