****Hatching Programme Guidance

**to include all Viral Infection Management**

**Specific measures taken by Barleylands in the management of viral containment/spread.**

The management of Barleylands have taken the following measures to arrest the spread of any viral condition.

Barleylands Staff and school staff/customer hiring equipment, must ensure hygiene measures are maintained together with handwashing as often as possible.

* Delivery and collection will only take place by booked appointment.
* All equipment delivered is cleaned after each use by enhanced cleaning using antibacterial cleaning materials.
* Monitoring of the regime put in place to be carried out to ensure it is working. Adjustments to me made if it is found adjustments are needed.

Please note: Chicks should NOT be placed on a child’s bare skin. Chicks may empty their bowels or urinate. Always place on a cloth or old tea towel.

**Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Update - November 2022**

* We advise children, adults and staff within your setting who keep birds to refrain from handling the hatched chicks during the current situation.
* in the unlikely event that one of the Hatched chicks looks unwell, please refrain from handling.
* If anyone in your school/setting wishes to keep the chicks, they will need to be kept inside. If you are planning to keep the chicks, please inform us **immediately** so we can advise you of the guidelines.
* Avian Influenza is a disease of birds and although the H5N8 strain can transmit between wild birds and poultry, it DOES NOT transmit to humans. Furthermore, birds hatched in schools, nurseries and other settings are housed indoors and will never have been/will not be in contact with wild birds or other poultry and therefore will not be at risk from this virus.
* Although we cannot predict possible future outbreaks or further government restrictions, please rest assured that we are monitoring the situation very closely to ensure we continue to follow government guidelines.
* We will of course keep settings informed of any future developments in the unlikely event that these should affect your booking.
* Further government information and up-to-date announcements relating to Avian Influenza can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>.