



## CHICK WELFARE

For the welfare of the newly hatched chicks, Henny Penny Hatching stipulates that the following guidelines are to be observed:

- Children must be supervised at all times whilst around the hatcher and the brooding pen.
- Children should be instructed on the appropriate way to behave when in close proximity to the brooding pen and the hatcher. This includes being quiet and calm and avoiding any behaviours that could distress the chicks.
- Children must always sit down on the floor whilst handling the chicks and they must be shown the correct way to hold the chicks before they are allowed to do so. After setting up the program, our Henny Penny Hatching staff will demonstrate to the person responsible for looking after the program at your school or centre, the appropriate way to handle the chicks.
- The custom-designed net is to be placed over the brooding pen at all times.
- If the hatcher and brooding pen need to be set up in an area that cannot be consistently supervised by staff, we recommend that partitions of some sort be placed around the area to keep children away from the chickens when there is no staff member in attendance.
- If any parents wish to adopt chicks, teachers are asked to ensure that these parents download the sections, [Ethical Issues](#) and [Adopting Chicks](#) from our website.

