



## Health Matters

### *Hygiene*

In the interests of basic hygiene, all participants should wash their hands after handling chicks, especially before touching food.

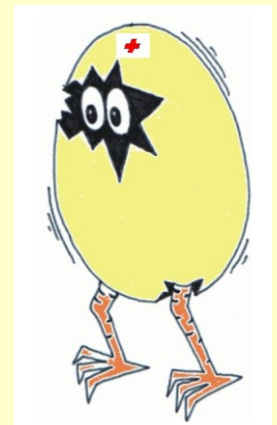


### *Allergies – Nuts, Eggs and Fish*

We take every measure to ensure that the risk of coming into contact with a potential allergen is low; however, it is important that you are aware of the possible risks and the appropriate precautionary measures to take, so that you are able to make an informed decision regarding the booking and implementation of our hatching program.

For those with allergies to nuts or fish, the feed we currently supply does not contain nuts or fishmeal; however, the manufacturers cannot guarantee that some residue from other products processed on the same manufacturing equipment has not contaminated the feed. We therefore advise that anyone known to have an allergy to these products should avoid handling the chick feed, the food receptacle or the wood shavings, into which feed may have been scratched or dropped by the chicks. Similarly, those who are allergic to eggs should avoid coming into direct contact with the chicks in the first 3-4 days after they have hatched, as there may be some residue from the inside of the eggs on their down. As an extra precaution, people with any of these allergies should wear disposable gloves when handling the chicks. It is also imperative that all participants wash their hands thoroughly, both prior to and after handling the chicks or their feed, to avoid transferring any feed particles or egg residue. We recommend that any parents who have a concern regarding their child's allergies should discuss the situation with their doctor before their child participates in the program.

During our years of operation, Henny Penny Hatching has not been aware of any incident involving anyone suffering an allergic reaction to any of these products; however, if there are any children attending your school or centre who have been diagnosed with a severe, anaphylactic allergy to nuts, fish or eggs, we advise you to consider not participating in the program whilst these children are in attendance.



### *Salmonella & E-coli on Egg Shells*

All eggs used in the Henny Penny Hatching program are fumigated to reduce the likelihood of bacteria being present on the egg shells. It is therefore highly unlikely for anyone to be contaminated by either salmonella or E-coli through participating in our program.

### *Chickenpox*

Please note that chickenpox is not related in any way to chickens or any other avian species. There is no way that a child can contract chickenpox by coming into contact with chickens.