

Tarves Primary School and Nursery

Chicken Keeping Guide

Thank you so much for volunteering to help us look after our chickens. Please be aware, they may be a little skittish or scared as they are not used to people. Please be quiet and gentle with and around them. A brilliant website with heaps of information can be found here: [Chickens | Guide |](#)

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Our lovely ladies are called:

-  *Annabella*
-  *Chickaletta*
-  *Nugget*
-  *Willow*
-  *Pecky*
-  *Hen Solo*
-  *Aurora*
-  *Buttercup*
-  *Hermione*
-  *Cappuccino*



Food and Water

Our ladies need fresh food and water every day.

Morning: Please use the water container provided to rinse their dishes and refill the water every morning. Please also ensure the feeders are refilled. They will need layers pellets and a top up of any fresh veggies for a treat. These veggie treats can be put inside the tubes and on top of the perches to make foraging fun for the hens!

Evening: Please check the food/water dishes and refill as necessary.

Bedding

Morning and Evening: Caked or wet bedding should be removed to help keep the space sanitary. Check around water and feeders to ensure the surrounding bedding has not become wet or there is any spoiled/spilled food which needs removed.

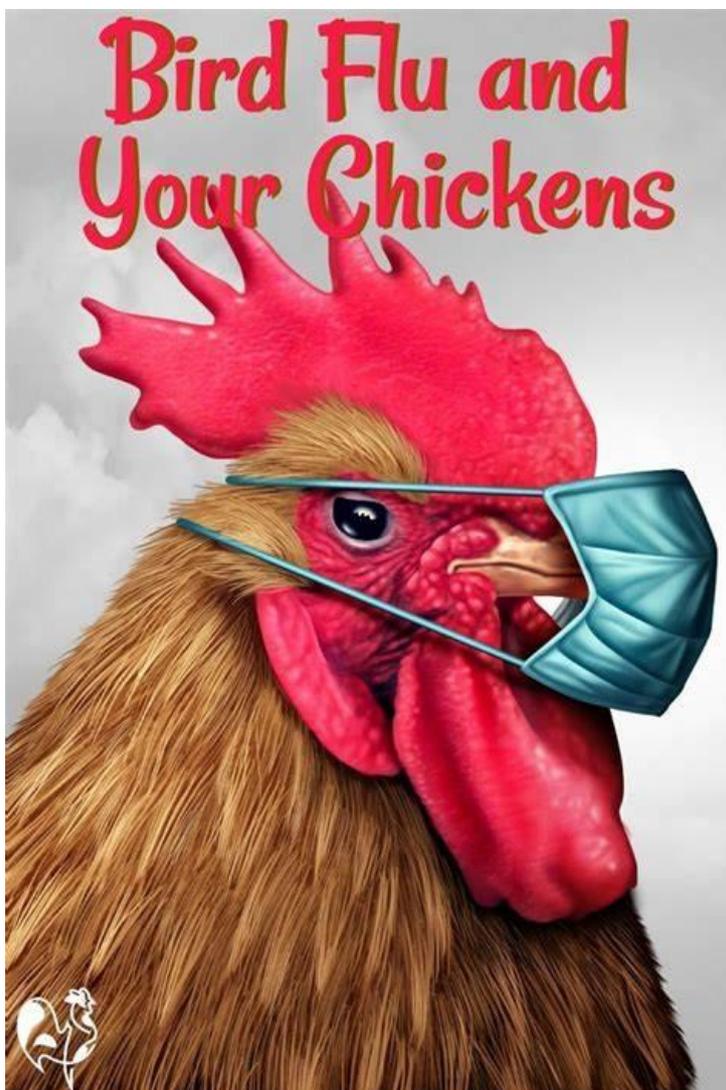
Nesting areas should be checked for eggs (please remove and clean up any broken eggs) and fresh nesting straw replaced every couple of days. Fill freshly cleaned nesting areas with a good amount of fresh bedding. Inadequate amounts of bedding make broken eggs more likely.

Evening: Perching areas tend to become dirty quick, so it's a good idea to clean the tops of perches and underneath daily. A quick wipe down with the disinfectant and cloths provided will be fine.

Eggs

All eggs should be collected and can be kept. 😊 Please remove and clean up any broken eggs.

AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)
INFORMATION



There is currently a legal requirement to house all poultry indoors due to the increase in positive avian influenza cases. Please take the following precautions to minimise the risk and help keep our hens safe:

- **Maximum of two people inside the hen house with the chickens at any time.**
- **Please use the footbath provided. This contains a mild disinfectant with is DEFRA approved.**
- **Please sanitise your hands upon entry and exiting the hen house.**
- **Please disinfect all equipment with the spray provided and wipe down surfaces.**
- **If you suspect any of our hens to be unwell, please contact us immediately on 07717 347567 AND also email tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.**