

Hatching Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Eggs developing and can be candled, no action required

Friday

Remove rocking cradle, remove dividers in egg tray and add cup of water to slots at the bottom of the incubator

Monday-Tuesday

Hatching expected. Eggs should 'pip' (chick makes small hole) and then within 24hrs first chicks should hatch. Keep chicks in incubator until their feathers have dried out and they have 'fluffed up'. Try to leave at least one chick in the incubator whilst others are still hatching - its movement and cheeping helps to encourage the others to hatch.

Switch on heat lamp above brooder box and add water and chick crumb. The chicks eat very little in the first day or two as they are still digesting the remains of the yolk. Keep chicks' feet and bottoms (vent) free from poo. Occasionally a chick is born with weak legs, if this does occur, call Ben to have it brought back to the farm for some extra TLC. Chicks can be handled by the children once dry enough to go in to the brooder.

Wednesday – Friday

Enjoy the chicks! Keep the water and chick crumbs topped up. The chicks and equipment will be collected at the end of the school day on Friday.

Any problems or questions, please phone or text Ben on **07973 337 591** any time!