



Animals in the Nursery

Policy Statement

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the nursery or in visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls. We arrange for animals to be brought into nursery from time to time.

Procedures

For animals being brought into the nursery:

- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- A member of staff carries out a risk assessment with the owner, which is overseen by a member of the management team. The risk assessment accounts for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature, details of how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- We notify all nursery parents (by email and displayed notices) of any animals coming into nursery.

Children are taught and supervised in:

- The correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised.
- The washing of their hands after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.
- Staff wear disposable gloves when cleaning housing or handling soiled bedding.

Manager's signature

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