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| Policy Name | Animals in the setting |
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Statement of Intent

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 setting or through visits.

Aim

We aim to ensure that contact with animals is in accordance with hygiene and safety controls.

Method

We take in to account the views of parents and children when selecting an animal or creature to visit Pre-school.

- We carry out a risk assessment accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- If the children handle an animal or creature then they are supervised at all times.
- Children wash their hands after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.
- Animals brought in by visitors to show the children are the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner carries out an information sheet as part of the risk assessment process, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed. This will then be communicated to staff, children and visitors at the Pre-school. The information sheet is sometimes replaced by a verbal discussion.
- Outdoor footwear must be provided to visit farms and it must be removed and bagged before coming indoors.

This policy was reviewed and updated (where required) on 08/01/2022 (date)

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