



## **Animals in the setting**

### **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 setting or in visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

### **Procedures**

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- Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised.
- Children wash their hands with soap and water after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.
- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children, they are the responsibility of the pet owner and not preschool.
- The pet owner carries out a risk assessment, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.

#### **Legal framework**

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
  
- This policy was adopted at a meeting of .....
- (name of setting)
  
- Held on .....
- (date)
  
- Date to be reviewed .....
- date
  
- Signed by .....
  
- Name of Signatory .....
  
- Role of Signatory (ie manager) .....