

Health and safety procedures

Animals and pets

- Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
- A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- Suitable housing for the animal is provided and is regularly cleaned and maintained.
- Children are taught correct handling of any animal and are always supervised.
- Children wash their hands after handling an animal and do not have contact with animal faeces, or soiled bedding.
- Members of staff wear single use vinyl/latex free gloves when cleaning/handling soiled bedding.
- No dogs on the governments banned list are to be brought on to or otherwise present at the site by visitors including parents/carers at any time even if the owner has a certificate of exemption under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

All other dogs brought onto the site by parents/carers during arrival and departure times must be on a lead and under control. The manager reserves the right to request that a dog is not brought on site, if the animal is out of control or likely to pose a risk.

Animals brought in by visitors

- The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the setting.
- The owner carries out a risk assessment detailing how the animal/creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- No dogs on the Government's Banned Dogs list are to be brought on site at any time. All other dogs brought on site by parents during arrivals and departure times must be on a lead and under control. The manager reserves the right to request that a dog is not brought on site, if the animal appears to be out of control, or likely to pose a threat
- If staff are concerned that a family owns a dog which is on the banned list , it is treated as a safeguarding concern and is reported to the relevant authority and safeguarding procedures are followed.

Policy adopted.....

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