

**Tarporley Done Room Pre-School**

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**Animals in the Setting Policy**

**Policy Statement**

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. 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.

**Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment**

Providers must keep premises and equipment clean, and be aware of, and comply with, requirements of health and safety legislation (including hygiene requirements).

**Procedures**

*Animals in the setting*

* We take account of the views of the parents and children when selecting an animal or creature to keep as a pet in the setting.
* There will be no new pets introduced to the setting during the Covid-19 outbreak. Arrangements must be made immediately for any current pets kept within the setting to be temporarily re-homed in case the setting has to close. In the interim the pets may stay at the setting.
* Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
* We carry out a risk assessment with a knowledgeable person accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
* We provide suitable housing for the animal or creature and ensure this is cleaned out regularly and is kept safe.
* We ensure the correct food is offered at the right times
* We make arrangements for weekends and holiday care for the animal or creature. We register with the local vet and take out the appropriate pet care insurance.
* We make sure all vaccinations and other regular health measures, such as de-worming are up to date and recorded.
* Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised
* Children wash 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
* If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
* The owner carries out the risk assessment, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed

*Visits to farms*

* Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out – this may take account of safety factors listed in the farms own risk assessment which should be viewed
* The outings procedure is followed.
* Children wash their hands after contact with the animals

Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms are cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors. **Further guidance**

Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2009)

**This Policy was adopted at the meeting of Tarporley Done Room Pre-School**

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Signed on behalf of the Management Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Role of signatory: Chairperson

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