

KLOISTERS KINDERGARTEN

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

Animals in the setting

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This may include with animals, or other living creatures either in the setting or on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

Procedures:

- . We take into account the views of parents and children when selecting an animal or creature to have in the setting.
- . We carry out a risk assessment with a knowledgeable person accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature (i.e. allergies).
- . We provide suitable housing for the animal or creature and ensure this is cleaned out regularly and is kept safely.
- . Our staff are knowledgeable of the pet's welfare and dietary needs and ensure that the correct food is offered at the right times
- . We make arrangements for weekend and holiday care for the animal or creature where appropriate.
- . At every occasion all parents are asked to sign to confirm that they are giving permission for their child to handle the animal or creature.
- . We teach children the correct handling and care of the animal or creature and supervise them at all times.
- . We ensure that children wash their hands after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.
- . We wear disposable gloves when housing or handling soiled bedding.
- . Children wash and dry their hands thoroughly after contact with animals

Policy links:- Health and Safety Policy, Risk Assessment Policy, Health and Hygiene Policy, Parents as Partners Policy, Confidentiality Policy and all relevant Safeguarding Policies

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Signed on behalf of the provider		
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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	<u>Bursar</u>	