



Woodham Mortimer Pre-School
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PROMOTING HEALTH AND HYGIENE

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The Pre-School must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action when they are ill

1.14 – 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 Curriculum. This may include contact with animals or other living creatures either in the Pre-School or on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE KEY THEMES AND COMMITMENTS

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.4 Health and well-being	2.3 Supporting and learning	3.3 The learning environment	4.1 Play and exploration 4.4 Knowledge and understanding of the world

PROCEDURES

Animals In The Pre-School As Pets

Pets are not kept on Pre-School premises unless during a visit (see procedures below).

Visiting Animals In The Pre-School

- A check is carried out for children who have an allergy or a phobia to the animal or creature being brought into the Pre-School
- The Practice Manager or Supervisor 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
- Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and 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 or creatures brought in by visitors to show the children are the responsibility of the owner

Visits to Farms

- Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out. This should take account of safety factors listed in the farm's own risk assessment which should be thoroughly reviewed
- The Supervision of Children on Outings and Visit Policy and Procedures are followed
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals
- Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms are cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm

FURTHER GUIDANCE

- Health and Safety Regulation...A Short Guide (HSE 2003)
- www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of the Woodham Mortimer Pre-School Committee

Date of Meeting
Next Review Date	January 2011
Signed on Behalf of Woodham Mortimer Pre-School
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Role of Signatory	Chairperson – Woodham Mortimer Pre-School Committee