



## Woodham Mortimer Pre-School

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### Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

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

The Pre-School must keep premises and equipment clean, and be aware of and comply with, requirements of health and safety legislation (including hygiene requirements)

### 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.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf)

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

**Date of Meeting**

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**Next Review Date**

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**Signed on Behalf of Woodham  
Mortimer Pre-School**

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**Name of Signatory**

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**Role of Signatory**

**Chairperson – Woodham Mortimer Pre-School  
Committee**

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