

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).



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8.6 Animals in the Setting Policy

Policy statement

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Learning and Development Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This may include contact 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

Animals visiting the setting

- We take account of the views of parents and children when an animal visits the setting, as well as any allergies or issues that individual children may have any animals or creatures.
- We carry out a risk assessment with the owner accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature, and how it will be handled.
- 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.
- Animals or creatures that are brought in by visitors to show the children, are the responsibility of their owner.

Legal framework

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999)

Further guidance

- Health and Safety Regulation...A Short Guide (HSE 2003)

This policy was adopted by

DIGSWELL PRE-SCHOOL

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Signed on behalf of the Pre-School committee

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

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