

## **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).

### **8.6 Animals in the setting**

#### **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 selecting an animal or creature to visit nursery. We carry out a risk assessment with a knowledgeable person / owner accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- Children are shown the 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.
- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors they are the responsibility of their owner.

##### *Visits to farms*

#### ***Children will be accompanied by their parents and are their parent's responsibility***

- Children, parents and staff are advised to wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Children, parents and staff are advised to wear suitable outdoor footwear and that it should be cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors after the visit.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Flying Start Nursery

Held on

Date to be reviewed

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory

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