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Animals in the setting

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 our pre-school or in visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

Procedures

Animals in the setting as pets

- We do not keep animals in the setting.
- We have visitors who bring animals or creatures into show the children but they are the responsibility of the owner.
- On these occasions 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.
- The owner 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.

Visits to farms

- Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out - this may take account of safety factors listed in the farm's own risk assessment which should be viewed.
- The outings procedure is followed.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms is cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors.

Legal framework

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm |
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This policy was adopted at a committee meeting of HAIL WESTON PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP held on January 2020

Date to be reviewed: January 2021

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:.

Lizzie Spear

Signatory:.....

Role of signatory: Chairperson