

Promoting Health and Hygiene Animals in the Pre-school

Unique
Child

1.4 Health and
Wellbeing

Positive
Relationships

2.3 Supporting
Learning

Enabling
Environment

3.3 The Learning
Environment

Learning
Development

4.1 Play and
Exploration
4.4 Knowledge and
Understanding of the World

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

Animals in Haddenham Puddleducks Pre-school as pets

- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- 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.
- We will carry out a risk assessment with a knowledgeable person accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature if kept in Haddenham Puddleducks Pre-school.
- Children are taught 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.
- We will ask parents if children have any allergies relating to animals before any animals come in.

Visits to farms

- Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out - this will take account of safety factors listed in the farm's own risk assessment.
- The outings procedure is 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

This policy was adopted at a meeting after the AGM of Haddenham Puddleducks Pre-school held in February 2020

Signed on behalf of Haddenham Puddleducks Pre-school by