



FIRST STEP PLAYGROUP



1.14 Animals in the setting

Policy Statement

At First Step Playgroup we 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 setting or in visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

Procedures

Animals visiting the setting

- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner is asked how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- Children are taught correct handling 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.

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.

Legal framework

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm

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