

The Strawberry Patch Nursery

Animal Policy

At The Strawberry Patch we encourage our children to learn about the natural world, and other living creatures as part of the E.Y.F.S. From time to time this will include contact with animals either inside or outside the setting when we are on a visit.

We aim to ensure sensible hygiene and safety controls are in place at all times.

Animals in and outside the setting.

- We take into account the views of our parents and children when selecting animals or creatures to have in the setting.
- Risk assessments are carried out taking in to account hygiene, safety and health risks.
- Suitable housing is provided for our animals, and they are cleaned out regularly by an adult children do not.
- Our animals are fed and watered on a regular basis.
- Our animals are cared for when the nursery is closed by the owner.
- Our animals are registered with the local vets.
- The children at the nursery are taught how to handle the animals and are supervised at all times.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly after having contact with the animals or creatures.
- Our staff wear disposable gloves at all times when cleaning out the animals and handling soiled bedding.
- Animals brought into the setting by a visitor to show our children are the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner of the animal carries out their own risk assessment of how the animal is handled and any safety issues are followed.
- All staff are shown copies of the risk assessment so they are fully aware of any safety issues.

Signed: _____

Review date: _____