

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



**We aspire that through the love of Jesus everyone should
"have life and have it to the full."
Jn. 10v10**

PETS AND ANIMALS POLICY

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1. Value and Benefits of Pets

1.1 We recognise that the provision of pets or visiting animals within the setting provides children with a wealth of learning opportunities.

2. Health and Hygiene

2.1 Staff are fully aware of the importance of health and hygiene when children are in contact with any animals.

2.2 Staff guide and monitor children to ensure they do not put their hands near their faces when they have been in contact with animals or animal feed, before washing their hands.

2.3 Staff always ensure that all children wash their hands thoroughly after touching or handling animals or animal feed.

3. Safety

3.1 Staff are aware of safety issues and ensure that children only come into contact with animals whilst being closely supervised at all times.

3.2 Children are reminded never to approach any animals, including dogs whilst out on a walk with the nursery.

4. Risk Assessments

4.1 Risk Assessments are carried out when pets or animals visit the nursery, to ensure all necessary precautions are taken to prevent accident, injury or the spread of infection.

5. Visiting Pets/Animals

5.1 Occasionally pets are invited to visit the nursery to support a topic or theme.

5.2 These animals may belong to staff members or nursery families.

5.3 Zoo animals/birds/farm animals are occasionally brought into the nursery premises by accredited companies for the children to look at, touch and hold.

5.4 Parents are notified of any animals being brought into the setting and written consent is obtained before a child participates in a learning opportunity where animals may be present.