



Animals Policy

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, on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls. We do not keep animals as pets at Tansor Village Hall although we recognise that animals may visit the setting from time to time.

Procedures

Animals visiting the setting

Tansor playgroup do not regularly have animals visiting the setting but in cases where this does happen we will apply the following procedure:

- We ensure that the children are aware that an animal will be visiting the playgroup, talk to them about the type of animal and ensure that they are comfortable with the visit.
- If any child is uncomfortable, the child will be kept a comfortable distance from the animal and if necessary will be distracted with other activities until the animal has left the playgroup.
- Children wash their hands after touching the animal.

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 are cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Tansor Playgroup Committee

Held on

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Date to be reviewed

January 2011

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Faye Betts

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Jt Chair of Playgroup Committee