

Norman Court Montessori CIC

Animal Policy

Statutory Guidance

Local Safeguarding Children's Board website www.4lscb.org.uk

Services for Young Children Website www.hants.gov.uk/childcare

Keeping Children Safe in Education:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550511/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf

Statutory Framework for EYFS (2017):

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2017/03/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 – OFSTED

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999)

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Learning and Development Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the nursery or on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

Procedures

Animals in the nursery as pets

- We take account of the views of parents and children when selecting an animal or creature to keep as a pet in the setting.
- We provide suitable housing for the animal or creature and ensure this is cleaned out regularly and is kept safely.
- We ensure the correct food is offered, at the right times.
- We make arrangements for weekend and holiday care for the animal or creature.
- Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised.
- Children wash their hands after handling the animal
- Practitioners wear disposable gloves when cleaning housing or handling soiled bedding.
- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children, they are the responsibility of their owner.

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.



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- The outings procedure is followed.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms is cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors.