

## 8.6 Animals in the setting

### Policy statement

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 setting or on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

### Procedures

#### *Visits to pre-school*

- Before any animals are brought into pre-school, a risk assessment is carried out.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals and are supervised at all times.

#### *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 outing 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.

### Legal framework

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

- **Further guidance**

- Health and Safety Regulation...A Short Guide (HSE 2003)

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