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**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**

*Animals in the setting*

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* If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children, they are the responsibility of their owner.
* The owner carries out a risk assessment, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.

*Visits to and from farms*

* Before a visit to a farm, we carry out a risk assessment - this may take account of safety factors listed in the farm’s own risk assessment, which should be viewed.
* We follow our outings procedure.
* Children wash and dry their hands thoroughly after contact with animals.
* Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms is cleaned of mud and debris as soon as possible on departure and should not be worn indoors.
* We advise staff and volunteers who are, or may be, pregnant to avoid contact with ewes and to consult their GP before the visit.

**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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**This policy was adopted by Pavilion Pirates Preschool CIO**

**On 21.07.2021**

**Date reviewed Every two years, or as required**

**Signed on behalf of the provider**

**Name and Role of Signatory Linda Noble (Trustee/NI)**

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**REVIEW DATE 21.07.2024**