



Registered Charity No. 1022409

3 Health and safety policy and procedures

Designated Health and Safety Officer is: Flora Lau

3.16 Animals and pets

- No pets are kept in the preschool.
- Parents and carers must not bring pets onto the drive or into the preschool hall.
- Parents will have advance warning if animals are to be brought into the preschool for an arranged educational visit.
- Children are taught correct handling of the pet and are always supervised.
- Children wash their hands after handling the pet and do not have contact with animal faeces, or soiled bedding.

Animals brought in by visitors

- The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the preschool.
- The owner carries out a risk assessment detailing how the animal/creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- No dogs on the Government's Banned Dogs list are to be brought on site at any time. All other dogs brought on site by parents/carers during arrival and departure times must be on a lead and under control. The manager reserves the right to request that a dog is not brought on site, if the animal is out of control, or likely to pose a risk.
- If staff are concerned that a family owns a dog which is on the 'banned dog' list, it is treated as a safeguarding concern and it is reported to the relevant authority and safeguarding procedures are followed.

Visits to farms

- The 3.7 short trips, outings and excursion procedure is followed.

Further guidance

Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2009)

Date to be reviewed

6th September 2026

Signed by committee chairperson

Signed by preschool manager
