



Pet Policy

The nursery believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of both the children and the animal!!

- Children must be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.
- Children must wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.
- Children must be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.
- Food for the pet must be stored safely away from the children's reach
- A high standard of hygiene must be followed, with careful thought given to the placing of the animal and its habitat.
- Children will be supervised at all times whilst handling animals
- Any child animal allergies will be reported on our allergy board.
- For parents who do not want their child to hold any animals it will be recorded and in clear view for all staff to see and at no point will they be allowed to hold it.

For the first couple of weeks of getting the hamster only staff will handle it to get it use to being held and moved about. Hamsters can bite but the chances are very low, as long as we get the hamster use to being held it shouldn't bite but as you are aware we cannot guarantee anything. Only if we are fully happy that we have got a hamster that is happy to be held will we then allow your child to hold it with an adult .I personally have had a hamster for two years and not once has it ever bit anyone even when young children hold him.

If a child is bitten:

The area should be cleaned with warm water and cleaned with an antibacterial solution. If the bite is open we will cover the area with a bandage. There is no need to seek medical advice. If the child is bitten for no reason we would then no longer allow the hamster to be handled by the children.

PLEASE FILL IN BELOW

I have read through the information and I am happy for my child to hold the hamster with an adult. I understand that if my child is bitten by the animal it is not the nurseries fault but it is a cause of nature.

Name:

Sign:

Date:

I have read the information and I would not like my child to handle the hamster at any point:

Name:

Sign:

Date: