



## Promoting Health and Hygiene

### 1.14 Animals in the Setting

#### Policy statement

Children learn about the natural world as part of the EYFS curriculum. This may include contact with animals, either in the setting or on visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

#### Procedures

##### *Animals visiting the setting*

- If animals are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner carries out a risk assessment, detailing how the animal is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed. The owner must stay with the animal at all times.
- Parents and staff are informed that the animal will be visiting the setting so any allergies, fears etc may be taken into account.
- Children wash their hands after contact with the animal.

##### *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.
- We contact the venue in advance of the visit to ensure that there has been no recent outbreak of E.coli or other infections. If there has been an outbreak, we will review the visit and may decide to postpone it.
- 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.
- 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](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm)  
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#### Further guidance

[Health and Safety Regulation...a short guide \(HSE 2003\)](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf)

**Other useful PLA publications** - The Social Child (2007)

**This policy was adopted at a meeting of Brighton Road Baptist Church Playschool Trustees.**

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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