

STANDARD 8 -SAFETY AND SUITABILITY OF PREMISES, ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT



EYFS key themes and commitments

1.3 Keeping safe
1.4 Health and well-being

3.3 The learning environment

Standard 8.6 - Animals in the Setting

Children at Horsted Keynes Preschool learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the setting or on visits.

We aim to ensure that sensible hygiene and safety controls are carried out whenever the children come into contact with animals and living creatures.

Animals in the setting as pets


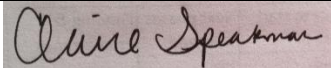

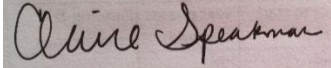

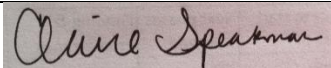
- Animals visiting the setting are free from disease and safe to be with children and do not pose a health risk and are the responsibility of the owner.
- The pet owner carries out a risk assessment, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- We carry out a risk assessment for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Children do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding and staff wear disposable gloves when cleaning out housing or handling soiled bedding.
- We check any known allergy details of all the children, these are recorded on each child's application form.
- We ensure children are taught correct handling and care of the animals or creatures and that they are supervised
- We would provide suitable housing for the animal or creature and ensure it is cleaned out regularly and is kept safely.
- We would ensure the correct food is offered at the right times.

Visits to farms

- A risk assessment is carried out before visiting a farm and may include taking into account the 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

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