



## STARFISH NURSERY

### ANIMAL AND PETS POLICY

Animals and pets can expand a child's knowledge and understanding of the world, therefore we encourage visits from them.

#### Procedure:

1. Child records are checked for allergies before inviting animals into the Starfish Nursery.
2. A sign is put up for parents/carers advising them of the date of a visit from an animal and a verbal reminder giving them an opportunity to discuss any concerns about their child and the visit.
3. Children are encouraged to handle the animals (when appropriate) ensuring protective clothing is worn and hands washed after handling.
4. Children are always supervised near animals.
5. Visitors bringing animals into Starfish Nursery will be required to ensure the animals' fitness to be in contact with children, i.e. veterinary record of inoculations etc.
6. Children will not handle any animal/bird etc., which is not tame.
7. Parents/carers and others with Aid Dogs who visit the Nursery to collect/deliver children, or for other reasons on an occasional basis, will be exempt from the above. If visits are on a regular basis these procedures will be applied in a non-discriminatory manner.

This policy was adopted for Starfish Nursery.

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