

01 Health and safety procedures

01.18 Animals and pets

- There will be no new pets visiting to the setting during the Covid-19 outbreak
- Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
- A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- The correct food is offered at the right times and staff are knowledgeable of the pet's welfare and dietary needs.
- 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.
- Members of staff wear single use vinyl/latex free gloves when cleaning/handling soiled bedding.
- **.Animals bought in by visitors**
 - The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the setting.

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.

Further guidance

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