

PRECIOUS LITTLE SOULS HOME NURSERY

1st September 2026 *This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.*

Banned Dog Breeds Policy

(Updated for EYFS 2026 – statutory restriction on prohibited breeds)

Purpose

To ensure children are cared for in a safe environment free from prohibited animals, in line with the EYFS 2026 requirement that childcare **cannot** be provided on premises where a banned dog breed is kept or present.

Policy Statement

Precious Little Souls Home Nursery does **not** keep, allow, or permit access to any dog breed that is banned under UK law. This includes dogs owned by household members, visitors, or anyone attending the premises.

If a banned breed is identified or brought onto the premises, childcare will **stop immediately**, and Ofsted will be notified without delay.

Procedures

- No banned dog breeds are kept on the premises.
- Visitors are informed that prohibited breeds are not allowed on the property.
- If a banned breed is discovered or brought onto the premises:
 - Childcare provision will cease immediately.
 - Parents will be informed.
 - Ofsted will be notified.
- Risk assessments include checks relating to animals on the premises.

Legal Compliance

This policy follows:

- EYFS 2026 statutory requirements
- Dangerous Dogs Act (updated list of banned breeds)
- Ofsted safeguarding expectations

Communication with Parents

Parents are informed of this policy during registration and reminded that no banned dog breeds may be brought to the premises at any time.