



The Butterfly Rooms (Incorporating Woodlands) LTD

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Animals in the setting

Policy Statement

Children engage with the natural world, including animals and other living creatures, as part of the Learning and Development Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This may involve direct contact with animals within the setting or on visits. We are committed to ensuring these interactions adhere to appropriate hygiene, safety, and safeguarding measures, in line with the 2025 EYFS statutory framework and UK statutory regulations.

Procedures

Animals that visit the setting with their owners:

- Any animal or creature brought into the setting by visitors remains the responsibility of its owner.
- The owner must conduct a risk assessment detailing handling procedures, safety precautions, and hygiene measures.
- Children are taught correct handling and care under the supervision of both the owner and a member of staff.
- Handwashing is mandatory after handling any animal, and children are prevented from coming into contact with animal waste or soiled bedding

Additional Safeguarding Measures

- A designated staff member is responsible for approving animal visits and reviewing risk assessments.
- Animals will not be left alone with children at any time.
- All interactions with animals will be supervised by a safeguarding-trained staff member.
- Parents/carers will be consulted prior to any animal visit to identify allergies, phobias, or medical concerns.
- Children's medical records will be checked for relevant conditions before any interaction with animals.
- Infection control measures will follow guidance from DEFRA and Public Health England, including protocols for zoonotic disease prevention.

- Records of all animal visits, including risk assessments and parental consultations, will be maintained for inspection and review.

This policy was adopted by

The Butterfly Rooms Ltd

On

7th July 2025

Date to be reviewed

7th July 2026

Signed on behalf of the Management
committee



Name of signatory

Miss Aimee Thompson

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