



## Animal on Premises Policy

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Children are regularly given the opportunity to be actively involved with the care of animals by helping with our pet fish, Zoolab visits, Chick hire and visits from animals such as cats, dogs, dragons, chickens, tortoises, sheep and rabbits. We will ensure that all animals are safe to be in proximity of the children and do not pose any health risks.

We adhere to all health and safety procedures at all times and have risk assessments, all of which are read and understood by all involved. Children are suitably supervised whilst animals are on site and that all children and adults wash their hands thoroughly after their visit.

Parents/carers will be asked to give permission before children come into contact with animals. They are informed of the visit via email and posters around the site. Any allergies, religious/cultural restrictions or other reasons for their child not being involved can be stated.

This policy was updated by the Manager and staff and will be updated annually. Next due to be updated: September 2020

“Horspath Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, families and staff at all times.”