

## Pet Policy



At Hoe Farm we have three pets, these include two Dogs and one Guinea Pig and children may have contact with farm animals at times.

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals; however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children;

- Children must be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly. Children will be supervised at all times.
- Children must wash their hands with antibacterial hand wash after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.
- Children must be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.



- Food for the pets is stored safely away from the children's reach.
  - All pet bowls and equipment is stored out of reach or access to children.
  - All dog inoculations are up to date and the pets are wormed regularly.
- Ofsted has been notified that we have pets on the premises.
  - The garden is checked every morning, before the children are permitted outside to play, to ensure that no animal has fouled it.

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