



## **Pets Policy**

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It is to be read with the Health and Hygiene policy and Procedures.

This is the policy of Smarties to promote safe handling of pets.

We do this by:

- Only healthy animals are obtained from accredited or high quality sources
- Arrangements are in place for the pets to be cared for during holidays and weekends.
- The animals are housed and are not able to come into contact with wild rodents.
- A member of staff is responsible for keep cages secure, clean and safe for the children and pets. Gloves will be worn when cleaning and faeces are disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- Children are closely supervised when handling animals.
- Animals are handled regularly to ensure they are suitable for use with children.
- Children are not allowed to place their faces close to, or kiss the animals. Children and staff with allergic reaction or phobias have little or no access to the pets.
- Children are not allowed to suck fingers or objects which may have been in contact with the animals.
- All children are supervised with handwashing after pet handling.

**This policy and procedure is supported by the information and forms found under Pet Risk Assessment (rabbit).**

This **Pets Policy** passed for use in Smarties

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