

## 01 Health and safety procedures

### 01.18 Animals and pets

- Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
- A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- Children are taught correct handling of the animal/creature and are always supervised.
- Children wash their hands after handling the animal/creature and do not have contact with animal faeces, or soiled bedding.

#### **Animals bought in by visitors**

- The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the setting.

The owner carries out a risk assessment detailing how the animal/creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.

#### **Further guidance**

Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2009)