**Gorefield Pre-School**

01 Health and safety procedures

**01.18 Animals and pets**

**Our Pre-School has a dog on site. The dog is owned and cared for by our manager**

**A risk assessment is in place and the dog is under the supervision of the manager at all times.**

**The dog has its own public liability insurance and health insurance.**

* 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.
* All vaccinations and health measures such as de-worming are up to date.
* Children are taught correct handling of the pet and are always supervised.
* Children do not have contact with pet faeces, or soiled bedding.
* Snakes and some other reptiles are not suitable pets for the setting due to infection risks.
* The manager will check with the trustees/committee before introducing a new pet into the setting.

**Animals brought 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.
* No dogs on the Government’s Banned Dogs list are to be brought on site at any time. All other dogs brought on site by parents/carers during arrival and departure times must be on a lead and under control. The manager reserves the right to request that a dog is not brought on site, if the animal is out of control, or likely to pose a risk.

**Further guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>