



Contact with Animals Policy

Aim:

- At Venture Kids we believe that children learn through real life experiences, therefore when we have the opportunity, we like to provide activities that will accommodate this.
- One of these experiences is contact with animals, either when visiting a location or inviting animals into our setting.

Procedure:

Venture Kids will:

- Complete a thorough risk/benefit assessment based on the nature of the visit and animals present.
- Give parents advance notice of any animals visiting the setting.
- Ask all parents for their written consent before their children are able to pet animals.
- Where permission is not given, alternative experiences will be provided.
- A list of children's allergies is included on all registration forms. Children who have allergies to animals, animal bedding or food will not be allowed in the same vicinity as the animals.
- If a child is allergic to an animal, we will ensure that they do not come into contact.
- Children's safety is of paramount importance and we would never knowingly expose a child to harm or risk.

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