



## **Panda Playgroup, Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots**

WI Hall, Station Road, Copmanthorpe, YO23 3SX

Member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

Registered charity number 1035584

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## **Promoting health and hygiene**

### **Animals**

#### **Policy Statement**

At Panda Playgroup children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the playgroup or in visits. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

#### **Procedures**

##### *Animals brought into the setting*

- Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised.
- Children wash their hands after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.
- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- The staff carry out a risk assessment with the owner, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.

##### *Visits to farms*

- Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out
- The outings procedure is followed.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms are cleaned and should not be worn indoors



This policy was adopted at a meeting of Panda Playgroup held on:  
Date to be reviewed:

Signed on behalf of the management committee:  
Name and role of signatory:

Signed on behalf of the staff team:  
Name and role of signatory:

