

Gorefield Pre-School

01 Health and safety procedures

01.18 Animals and pets

- Our group has a therapy dog on site.
- All prospective parents/career who wish to join our group are invited to come and meet him.
- We have a risk assessment in place to consider any hygiene and safety risks posed by our dog.
- Our dog has public liability insurance in place.
- Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with him.
- Parents are asked to sign on our registration form that their child has no known animal allergies.
- Our dog is owned by our groups manager and is under her care while in the group. Our dog lives with our manager and only attends school with our manager.
- There is appropriate pet health care insurance is placed to pay for veterinary care and the animal is registered with a local vet.
- All vaccinations and health measures such as flea treatment and de-worming are up to date.
- Children are taught correct handling of the pet and are always supervised.
- Children do not have contact with animal faeces, if an accident does occur the appropriate disinfected will applied to the area immediately and children will avoid that area until staff feel it is acceptable to do so.

Animals bought in by visitors.

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

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