



Animal Care Policy

At Butterflies Toddles & Nature Pre-School, we believe that caring for animals supports children's emotional development, empathy and understanding of the natural world.

We keep rabbits and guinea pigs within the setting to provide safe, supervised opportunities for children to learn how to care for living things.

Our Approach

- Animals are cared for daily by trained staff
- Children are taught how to interact gently and respectfully
- Animals always have a quiet, safe retreat space
- Interaction is always supervised

Health & Hygiene

- Children wash hands before and after contact
- Animals are kept away from food areas
- Enclosures are cleaned regularly by staff
- Any allergies are carefully monitored

Safety

- Children are supported when holding animals
- Younger children will stroke rather than hold
- Staff monitor animal wellbeing at all times

Inclusion

We work closely with parents to ensure all children can safely access this experience, taking into account allergies, fears or additional needs.



Parent Permission Form – Animal Interaction

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

At Butterflies Toddles & Nature Pre-School, we provide supervised opportunities for children to interact with our rabbits and guinea pigs.

This includes feeding (with supervision), gentle stroking and observing animal care routines.

Please complete below:

Consent	Yes	No
I give permission for my child to interact with animals		
My child has allergies (please give details below)		

Allergy details / additional information:

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____