

Date 6th December 2016



Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that we have two rabbits and two guinea pigs in our school. Animals are used to help children learn about nature and the environment. They will be moved around the school as a reward for the best attendance and we aim for all classes to have the experience of looking after them. Animals will be used in individual classrooms to increase pupils' interest in learning and to teach them about animal handling and about caring for a pet. Research shows that a positive bond between an animal and a child can support academic, social, and emotional growth as well as helping to calm and relax children. Your child's teachers will have planned carefully and assessed risk to be sure that children and animals have a safe learning environment.

There is a consent form to sign at the bottom of this form, please complete this by **Monday 12th December**.

Some children may be allergic to animals, if you think your child is please talk with your health care provider to decide whether classroom animals would pose a health problem for your child. Talk to your child's teachers if you have any concerns and ensure that you tell us about your child's allergies, asthma or other concerns you may have.

If necessary, changes can then be made in the ways animals are handled when your child is present. Animals may be removed at any time.

We are excited to welcome the animals to our school as a lovely experience for our pupils!

Ms Verity Carter
Headteacher

Animal Policy consent

Child's name _____ Class _____

I give my permission for my child to be involved in activities such as caring, stroking and feeding guinea pigs or rabbits in school.

I have concerns about my child's health and/or safety or for other reasons I do not give my consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____