

## **Pets Policy.**

### **Our policy for Pets:**

#### **We believe:**

That having pets in nursery has many benefits for the children such as informing children of life cycles E.g. tadpole to frog and aids children's development of empathy. It supports the curriculum and provides real life experiences for children, encouraging them to develop skills around caring and respect.

### **Our procedures for pets:**

#### **We support this by:**

- Keeping updated risk assessments in regards to nursery pets.
- Only small pets will be considered when purchasing, this will be done in consultation with children and parents.
- Allergies will be taken into consideration and all choices considered before purchase.
- All children will be shown correct care when handling pets.
- All children will be taught correct respect for animal's environments.

We ask that parents and carers understand that, even with the greatest of care, sometimes a small pet will bite. In this case, an incident/accident form will be filled out and the child treated as appropriate by the paediatric first aider.