Parson's Green Nursery

Pets Policy

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the nursery or in visits. Parson's Green Nursery fosters in children a love for the natural world and a sense of responsibility towards other living things. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.
It is our policy to ensure that animals kept at Nursery will be cared for according to their individual requirements and needs. The children are encouraged to help care for our animals, feeding, petting, cleaning etc. and are encouraged to talk with adults regarding the animals and their care. The children hands are always washed after handling the animals or when they have helped to clean the animals' environment.

Guinea Pigs We have two guinea pigs in the nursery, they are cared for according to their individual needs, there cage is cleared out three times a week and disinfected, by a member of staff and may be assisted by children, the children are encouraged to follow health and safety procedures. Parents are encouraged to enter the rota to the our guinea pigs home at the weekends and during holidays, we ask that you read and follow the below guidance.
When the Guinea Pigs come home with you, you will be provided with the necessary equipment to look after them, their water will need changing/refilling daily and new food put out daily, in addition to the mix provided, you are welcome to give them small quintities or raw fruits and vegetables including, carrots, broccoli, apples (Please note apple seeds are poisonous) coriander lettuce peppers kale or grass.

Please ensure their cage is kept inside, away from direct sunlight or draught, the temperature should be roughly 15 – 22 degrees.

Our Guinea pigs know their names so please call them over using their names before giving them a treat.

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