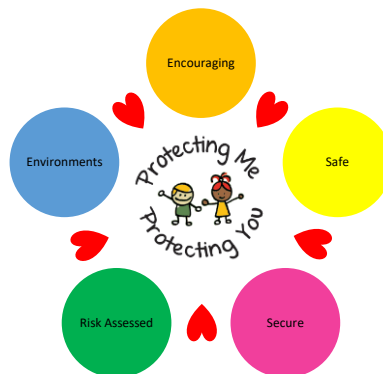


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Date	October 2025
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Nursery Activities: Animal Visits to centre

Activity	Hazards	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures
Arrival and setup of animals	Escaping animals Trip hazards Contamination	Minor injury Distress	2 (1x2)	Staff Children Visitors	Only reputable, insured animal handlers permitted Animals contained safely	Provider risk assessment
Handling and interaction with animals	Bites Scratches Allergic reactions	Minor to serious injury	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children briefed on calm handling Constant supervision Handwashing before and after contact	Hand sanitiser and wipes available
Animal waste	Infection Allergic reaction	Illness	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Handler responsible for cleaning waste Staff ensure area sanitised after visit	Disposable gloves worn by staff if cleaning is required
Children with allergies and/or asthma	Allergic reaction Breathing difficulty	Illness	2 (1x2)	Children	Allergy and medical audit	Parents informed before the visit



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					checked in advance Avoid high risk animals if needed	Medication accessible
Trips and slips during activity	Spilled water feed or movement of cages	Minor injury	1 (1x1)	Children Staff	Area kept tidy Spills cleaned immediately	Ongoing monitoring during session
Post visit cleaning	Residual waste Infection risk	Illness	2 (1x2)	Staff	Surface disinfected floors cleaned, waste disposed of safely	Ongoing monitoring
Safeguarding concerns (external handlers)	Unauthorised contact Lack of supervision	Emotional harm	2 (1x2)	Children	All visitors supervised by staff Handlers never left alone with children	Visitor ID checks completed

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	Likelihood that hazardous events will occur		Consequences	Risk rating	Action
1	very unlikely	1	insignificant – no injury	20-25	Stop – stop activity and take immediate action
2	unlikely	2	minor – minor injuries needing first aid	15-16	Urgent action – take immediate action and stop activity if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
3	fairly likely	3	moderate – up to three days absence	8-12	Action – improve within specified timescale
4	likely	4	major – more than seven days absence	3-6	Monitor – look to improve at next review or if there is a significant change
5	Very likely	5	catastrophic - death	1-2	No action – no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed