

# Guinea Pig Code of Conduct



***“Learning for life,  
building a firm foundation”***

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Agreed by Headteacher: Lisa Harrison

Signed:

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## **Housing**

The Guinea Pigs will be kept in the Rainbow Room in a secure cage.

The Guinea pigs will be in their outside house, if the weather is suitable

Children will not be able to open the cage under any circumstances.

No children will be able to touch the Guinea Pigs unless Mrs Lusty is present.

## **Handling**

Before handling the Guinea Pigs, everyone will wash their hands.

The Guinea Pigs will be held by an adult at all times, children may stroke them with an adult present.

If the Guinea Pigs are being moved around the school, then they will be in their secure pet carrier only; they are not to be carried around school in arms.

Children need to be quiet when they are around the Guinea Pigs as loud noises may cause the animals stress.

After handling the Guinea Pigs, everyone will again wash their hands.

## **Feeding**

Children will be allowed to feed the Guinea Pigs. They follow a strict diet so all food will be provided by Mrs Lusty.

Children will be allowed to change the water bottle on a daily basis.

Hands to be washed before and after feeding or changing the water bottle

Hay is the staple food of a Guinea Pig's diet. Children with allergies will be identified so that they can avoid contact with the triggers of their allergies.

## **Cleaning**

This will be done weekly and when children are not present.

## **Weekends and Holidays**

The Guinea Pigs will go home with Mrs Lusty every weekend and during the holidays.

## **Health**

If the guinea pigs become unwell at any time they will be removed from school and will be taken to the vets for consultation and treatment. They will not return to school until they are well enough.

## **Children's Code of Conduct**

Before you handle the Guinea Pigs, you must wash your hands.

Once you have touched the Guinea Pigs, you must wash your hands.

Only adults can pick the Guinea Pigs up.

You need to be quiet around the Guinea Pigs as too much noise makes them feel worried.

Only adults can open the Guinea Pigs' cage.

Their cage is their 'safe' space; please don't touch them in their cage.

Please don't feed the Guinea Pigs.