

Emmbrook Junior School



Animals in School Policy

Responsibility of: Finance, Community and Premises (FCP) Committee
Date of Policy: April 2016
Date of Review: April 2018

2014 Mission Statement

The Emmbrook Junior School community works together to further develop each child's abilities by creating a nurturing and motivating environment for learning. Each child's self-confidence will be strengthened so they make good academic progress whilst gaining increasing resilience and respect for the community.

Dogs

Apart from assistance dogs, which must be accompanied by their designated companion, dogs are not permitted on the school premises. The premises start at the green, wooden-post and wire-mesh fence adjoining the public footpath on Emmbrook Road. Dogs must not be left unaccompanied, tied to the fence, whilst their owners go onto the site.

Assistance Dogs include: guide dogs for visually impaired people; hearing dogs for hearing impaired people; various types of assistance dogs for people with impaired mobility; dogs trained to alert someone to an imminent epileptic fit; etc.

It is the responsibility of adult handlers, or parents/carers of child handlers, to make arrangements with the school regarding access to water, food, fresh air and space to perform their bodily functions.

Keeping Animals in School

The school does not have the appropriate facilities to keep animals.

Bringing animals to school

Permission to bring any animals onto the school premises must be given in advance by the Head Teacher.

Risk Assessments

People intending to bring animals, whether for demonstration purposes inside or entertainment events outside, must submit a Health and Safety Risk Assessment prepared in accordance with INDG 163 HSE '5 steps to risk assessment' <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg163.pdf>

The Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services (CLEAPSS), an advisory service for science & technology, provides advice and guidance on its website, <http://www.cleapss.org.uk/>, for handling and keeping animals in schools. Extracts of the detailed information will be suitable to include in risk assessments.

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) subscribes to CLEAPSS. All WBC community schools have access to the guidance material on the CLEAPSS website and to their helpdesk.

The logon at 01/06/14 is: username: nitrogen; password: haber14.

Contact WBC Health and Safety Adviser for updated information, when necessary; (matthew.stringer@wokingham.gov.uk)

The following CLEAPSS leaflets may be relevant to Emmbrook Junior School activities or events:

Leaflet number PS55 - Bringing pets and other animals into schools

Leaflet number PS86A - Farm animals in school and on visits (Primary)

Leaflet number PS01 - Pond Dipping

Leaflet number PS87 - Bees and Beekeeping;

Leaflets numbers GL 132-137 - Dissecting....

Approved by Governing Body

Chair of Governors

Date 26.04.2016

Head Teacher

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