

BEREWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Animals in School Policy

Spring 2019

Revised by School	Spring 2019
Responsible Person	Sue Patrick (head teacher)
Responsible Committee	Full Governing Body
Ratified by GB	Thursday 14 th March 2019
Next Review	Spring 2022



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A distinctive vision

At Berewood Primary School we see education as a journey of discovery to fire the imagination, to establish a sense of self, and to gain the confidence to take full part in the wider world.

An ethos of local partnership

Berewood Primary School and the University of Chichester Academy Trust share the belief that education has the power to transform society. Our school is deeply rooted in its locality and encourages the involvement and interest of parents and the community, recognising that strong and vibrant communities have partnership and inclusion at their heart.

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL POLICY

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Health and Safety Policy and the Association for Science Education “Be Safe” book available in the staff library.

The school recognises the value of pets and animals in enhancing and enriching curricular learning, and in facilitating the understanding of care for all creatures. Currently the school does not have any school pets.

The school on occasions and at the discretion of the head teacher, allows animals onto the site, but these have all a known history of good behaviour and are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Children are never left alone to care for such animals. Risk

assessments are undertaken for any such visits, with particular attention paid to washing and first aid requirements.

Children are not allowed to bring animals they have found dead in the wild onto the school site.

Dogs are not allowed on the school site, unless they are used to assist disabled persons or are one of the school's Reading Dogs.

Fouling on establishment grounds

On occasions wild animals, such as foxes, may foul on the school grounds. All such cases must be referred to the School Office, and the Site Maintenance Co-ordinator will act swiftly to remove the faeces. If faeces are discovered on shoes, these will be removed, using protective gloves, and placed into a plastic bag to be taken home.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy was reviewed by all staff and Governors in Spring 2019 as part of the 3 year review cycle.