



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to announce that we will soon be having a new addition to Oak Base. Nibbles the guinea pig will be joining us and living in the classroom. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in helping to care for him and we hope they will develop the confidence in time to handle him with close adult support.

Hygiene and safety

The hygiene and safety aspects for the guinea pigs and children are very important to us. The school have completed a risk assessment for looking after our pets and what to do in case of an injury. This includes the following points:

- Pupils and adults wash their hands thoroughly before and after handling or cleaning out the pet.
- All animals can bite, peck or scratch when handled. It is important that pupils are taught to handle the guinea pigs gently to avoid stressing them.
- The cage/pen/hutch must be kept clean at all times.
- Make sure the guinea pig is secure and cannot escape.

We are asking you to inform us, by returning the form below, of any allergies or if you would rather your child did not participate in caring for Nibbles. If any allergy medication is needed, it must be prescribed by a doctor and the relevant forms completed at the School Office.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Oak base team.

Many thanks,

Kate Gunstone
Nursery Teacher



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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Known Allergies:

Prescribed Medication Needed:

I agree to supply this prescribed medication to school and will contact the school office to arrange this.

My child is not able to help look after the guinea pigs in school.



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