



Pet Policy



We love animals and believe that they can bring joy and valuable learning experiences for children. Our resident pet, Bailey a well-trained, friendly Cavapoo loves being around kids and is comfortable in their company. We believe that interacting with animals can teach children responsibility, compassion, and respect. To ensure a safe and hygienic environment, we have implemented the following procedures:

- **Handwashing:** After any contact with Bailey or other animals, children wash their hands. We explain why this is important and encourage good hygiene.
- **Respectful Interaction:** We teach children the right way to approach and treat animals, encouraging them to be gentle and respectful.
- **Safety with Animals:** We discuss with children that not all animals are friendly and that they should always ask an animal's owner before petting or handling.
- **Secured Animal Supplies:** All pet food and supplies are stored in a locked cupboard to prevent access by children.
- **Feeding Area:** Bailey is fed in the kitchen, away from play areas, and his food and water bowls are kept out of reach.
- **Pet Care:** We ensure Bailey is kept clean, healthy, and free from pests to maintain a safe environment.
- **Clean Play Areas:** Our garden has a designated play area for children, separate from Bailey's, to keep their play space clean and free from pet waste.

If you have any questions about our pet policy or Bailey's role in our nursery, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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