

Eastford Readiness Council

Animals in the Classroom Policy

Classroom pets or visiting animals must appear to be in good health.

Pets or visiting animals must have documentation from the veterinarian or an animal shelter to say they are fully immunized (if the animal should be so protected). The notice must also state that the animal is suitable for being in contact with children.

Teaching staff will supervise at all times and offer instruction to children on proper behavior when in close proximity to animals.

Program staff will ensure that any child who is allergic to a type of animal is not exposed to that animal.

Reptiles are not allowed as classroom pets because of the risk of salmonella infection.

Hands will be washed after children or staff handles an animal.