



## **The Little Firefly Dog policy**

It is always the aim of The Little Firefly to ensure that the children in our care are protected, this policy outlines how the children are kept safe around dogs.

Staff and volunteers may from time to time bring their own dogs into the site as pre-agreed and risk assessed visit for the children. These visits are assessed on a case by case basis with all the necessary factors taken into consideration.

We also believe in the therapeutic benefit to spending time with animals. From time to time we have a pet therapy dog on site; as above, these visits are assessed on a case by case basis and all the necessary factors will be taken into consideration.

### Upton Site

We do not expect to encounter any dogs whilst onsite, however should this occur, all children are taught to stand very still and not interact with the dog. Children are also taught not to approach dogs but to ask for guidance and permission from the dog's owner as to whether it would be appropriate to interact with the dog.

### Kingston Blount setting

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