



2nd October 2018

To: Parents of all Pupils in Junior School

Dear Parents

Guinea Pig Handling

We love having our guinea pigs, Gingernut and Hobnob, with us in the Early Years unit. The guinea pigs live outside in their hutch but we like to get them out for the children. Regular contact with animals has been shown to help improve cooperation skills, social responsibility and to make children feel a sense of calm.

The hygiene and safety aspects for the guinea pigs and for the children is very important to us. The school have completed a risk assessment for looking after our pets. All we need from you is to inform us whether you would rather your child did **not** take part in looking after our guinea pigs, including handling the animals.

The reply slip below **only needs to be returned if you want to opt out** of your child handling our guinea pigs.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Heatlie



Hollygirt

SCHOOL

Guinea Pig Handling

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

I **do not** give permission for my child to participate in looking after the guinea pigs, including handling the animals.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return to your child's class teacher by Friday 5th October 2018