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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware we have a class rabbit, her name is Hattie.

Hattie joined us this term and allows us to teach the children about responsibility, care and the importance of looking after living things. She is also part of our school well-being program as animals in school are proven to reduce anxiety, stress and have a calming influence on children.

Hattie loves to eat carrots, leafy greens and fruit so please feel free to send your child in with some food for her. I have attached the Risk Assessment for your information. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me. Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely,

Deborah St Cyr
Year 5 Teacher



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Rabbits in schools risk assessment

| HAZARD | WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK | RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH) | ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES | PERSON RESPONSIBLE |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Risk of harm to children | Children/ Teacher | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The students have been spoken to about Hattie roaming freely in the classroom. No sudden movements and keep voices low Children to wash hands after they have played with the rabbit | DSC |
| Bites, scratches or illness caused by the rabbit | Staff, pupils and handlers | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will not hold or handle rabbit without supervision Students will be spoken to about where and when they can touch the rabbit. | DSC |
| Phobias | Staff and pupils | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA | |
| Allergies | Children / staff | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child/parent informs the school of allergies towards the rabbit, then this will be noted and the rabbit kept away from that individual | DSC |
| Activities and games involving the rabbit | Staff, pupils, rabbit | low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA | DSC |

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| Children misbehaving | Pupils, rabbit and handlers | low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are briefed about rabbit • Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave • School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset rabbit | DSC |
| Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site | Rabbit | low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wires will be tied up, books not left on floor | DSC |
| Wellbeing of Rabbit | Rabbit, School community | low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSC will ensure the wellbeing of the rabbit at all times when on the school premises. • Rabbit should have a quiet space to rest, drink and eat when the handler assesses the need for this. <p>DSC/teacher will stop activities/ contacts if the rabbit is showing any signs of distress.</p> <p>Rabbit will be fed and watered continuously</p> | DSC |

