



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

RS/CW/mr

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Reception Pet Hamsters

As you may know, Reception have two pet hamsters. Animals are a great way for children to learn responsibility, caring, and sharing.

Children often want to hold and care for animals and we would love them to have the opportunity to do this at school, as long as parents are comfortable with this arrangement. By completing the electronic reply slip, you are allowing your child to hold and care for our class pets. Children will be taught how to care for and hold our hamsters correctly. Only children with this consent will be permitted to care for or handle the animals.

We will also need volunteers to take our hamsters home and care for them at weekends and during school holidays. As with all pets, it is important to ensure that the hamsters have proper handling and care. Although hamsters are generally "child-friendly," they may scratch or bite. It is important that the children take care and do not let our hamsters be bothered by other pets and younger children. If you would agree to allow your child to bring our hamsters home over the weekend/school holidays, please complete the electronic reply slip to indicate this. All necessary care items will be sent home with your child for that weekend/school holidays.

Weekend Care:

- keep cage clean
- provide adequate water
- provide fresh food
- handle for a short time each day

Classroom Pet Care Rules:

- I will treat the class pet with kindness and respect.
- I will be gentle with our class pet.
- I will not do anything intentionally to our pet that will cause her to bite or scratch.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Scott-Simons
Reception Teachers

Mrs C Wilkinson