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Dear Parents/ Carers,

In Reception we have two new additions to the class, we have two baby guinea pigs who will be living in our class. They are both extremely friendly and are used to being handled daily. Today the children all put their name ideas into a hat and we randomly selected two names. Our class guinea pigs are now called 'Buttercup' and 'Dandelion'. Often keeping pets at home is difficult with parents/carers busy lives and I wanted to provide the children with the opportunity to care for animals whilst in school. It will also support the children to learn about how to care for others and themselves. In addition, it provides the children with opportunities to increase their self-confidence, brings joy, companionship, comfort and helps ease worries or anxieties. When caring for or handling the guinea pigs the children will always be supervised by an adult. Their cage has a padlock on the door so the children are only able to access the cage when an adult opens it.

Please complete the consent form below, stating whether you give permission for your child to care for and handle the guinea pigs. All forms need to be handed in to one of the Reception team (not the office).

Yours sincerely
Miss Bailey

GUINEA PIG CONSENT FORM

To be completed by parent/guardian:

I consent to my child handling and caring for the Reception guinea pigs

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I **do not** consent to my child handling and caring for the Reception guinea pigs

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Signed _____

Parent/carer's print name _____

Child's name _____

