



10th May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very excited to announce that we have two new additions to the St Gregory's school community - Guinea Pigs have come to live with us! The children will be naming them this week!

The Guinea Pigs have an outside hutch, an inside cage as well as a run / shelter to spend time out on the grass area.

As you know I am passionate about our children experiencing life with animals, learning to care for them and see many positive aspects of having a school pet:

- Pets have been shown to help children develop social skills, social responsibility and help self-esteem.
- A pet can be used to help discuss complex and sensitive issues.
- Regular contact with animals has been shown to help children concentrate, show more cooperation and help make them calmer.
- Studies have shown that children with pets may be healthier and are absent from school less than those without a pet.

