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## Guidelines for teachers

Thank you for booking the Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow for your school.

The roadshow aims to work to high standards of health and safety and animal welfare. The following guidelines have been designed to ensure maximum enjoyment of the show for all, including the stars!

Each session will last approximately an hour and is suitable for class sized groups of up to 30 children. (half an hour for eYfs children in smaller groups of up to 15). In that time I will introduce several different species before allowing the children to handle the animals. The sessions are designed to be interactive, educational and, above all, fun!

A letter for parents has been included with these guidelines. I have no legal obligation for you to send it out, some schools prefer to.

### Health and safety.

The children will have the opportunity to look at and handle all of the animals, with the exception of the tarantulas as they are very fragile. The behaviour of the animals will be closely monitored to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the audience. Clear instructions will be given about the best way to stroke, touch or hold each animal.

No child will have to touch any animal they do not wish to.

The audience must remain seated and relatively quiet at all times during the roadshow to ensure the wellbeing of the animals.

Teachers and organisers retain responsibility for the overall behaviour of the audience and a suitably qualified member of staff must remain present throughout.

Hygiene is of the utmost importance after handling any animals. I will supply an alcohol based antibacterial hand sanitiser (data sheet available on request). Please advise if any children are unable to use this due to allergies, eczema etc. In addition to using the sanitiser, the audience must wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water after the session. Children will be reminded not to put fingers in their mouths, but teacher's vigilance is also requested to prevent this.

Children under the age of 5 may handle animals at my discretion.

If setting out seating a semi circle is the most appropriate formation, this allows the presenter to move easily amongst the audience.

Risk assessments, insurance certificates and dbs certificates are all available on request.

### Animal welfare

A power source is required for the animals heat mats. I will supply a 10m extension cable for this purpose.

When carrying out more than one session at a venue, somewhere warm, quiet and secure may be required to leave the animals during breaks.

I cannot guarantee any specific animal due to unforeseen circumstances, such as snakes shedding.

If an animal appears unduly stressed or is mistreated at any time during handling, it will be immediately returned to its enclosure.

Thank you for reading these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I hope you enjoy the Mini Monsters Roadshow!

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