Care to be taken

Always wash your hands after handling slugs as they can carry parasites and bacteria that are harmful to humans. The easiest way to handle slugs is to wear disposable rubber gloves, this also stops your hands being covered in slug slime!

Do not eat the slugs or their slime because this could make you seriously ill or even cause death.

To keep slugs for a short amount of time, so that you can observe them back in school, put them in a plastic container with small holes in the lid to allow air to circulate. Put a piece of damp paper towel to cover the base of the container and feed the slugs with a few cabbage or salad leaves.

Please return the slugs to where you found them when you are finished observing them.