



Dear parents/Carers

Dogs on School Grounds

We recognise that dogs are an important part of life for some of our families and, as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. In our teaching we promote the relationship between people and their pets and accept and encourage the idea of pets as 'family members'. We do see pet ownership as a valuable educational experience for children.

The school also acknowledges the views of families who have chosen not to have dogs or other pets. We also recognise that bringing dogs onto the premises might pose a health and safety risk to our pupils and others on site and could be unsettling for many as they arrive and leave school. There are added risks of dogs fouling, dogs biting or showing aggressive unpredictable behaviour. The school recognises that even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in an unfamiliar, busy, noisy and crowded school environment and that this can lead to unexpected behaviour in even the best behaved pet. Children can also behave unpredictably when in the presence of dogs especially where they are not used to being with them.

Therefore, it is the school's decision that only assistance dogs are allowed onto the school site and that no dog should be tied up and left unattended on or near the school site at any time. Please ensure that dogs are kept away from entry ways so that children and adults have a choice whether they want to come in direct contact with dogs and can enter and exit safely. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Kind regards

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Mrs Lindley
Acting Head

