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Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Dogs on and around school site

I am writing to ask that parents (and other adults) bringing children to school or collecting them, do not bring dogs onto the yard. Even if a dog is held in your arms, it is still not allowed on school premises.

In addition, I would ask that the dogs are not tied to the school railings at the top of the path as small children still have to walk past them in order to access the school yard and there is not much room to safely pass a dog.

We have recently had The Dogs Trust working in school with a number of children who have real fear or phobias around dogs. Although I am sure that dogs brought onto the yard are well-behaved and socialised and pose no risk to our children, their very presence can cause anxiety in some children. Obviously, feeling anxious and nervous is not a good start to the school day.

I am sure, as parents, you can understand the importance of ensuring that any child is relaxed, happy and calm when they arrive at school. I therefore thank you for your understanding and adherence to the No Dog Policy.

Yours sincerely

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