



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

DOGS IN SCHOOL Policy



Directions for parents

We are happy for you to bring your dog with you when you are walking your children to school and when you are collecting them at home time **as long as** you adhere to the following common sense directions:

- **Consider your dog's characteristics** - age, breed, size, how used to children he/she is, any previous aggressive behaviour – before deciding if he/she is suitable to be in the school grounds among children. **Never bring your dog into the school building or stand close to entrance / exit points or any 'bottle neck' areas** (adults and children who are afraid of dogs should NEVER have to pass close to them if they do not want to)
- Your dog must **be ALWAYS on a short lead** when in the school grounds
- Keep your dog **away from other dogs**. If your dog starts **barking or growling** at another dog or any person, **remove him / her from the school grounds immediately**
- Ensure an **adult has control of the dog** – children should **never** be left alone with dogs
- **Clean up any dog fouling immediately**
- Do NOT bring dogs who are **sick or who have puppies at home** into the school grounds

Directions for pupils

- Always **be calm and quiet** around dogs – never make sudden movements close to a dog
- If you wish to stroke a dog, **always** **ask the owner first** – never touch a dog without permission and never put your face close to a dog. There should be no more than one person at a time petting the dog
- **Do not eat around a dog** and **wash your hands** before eating when you have stroked a dog. Do not feed a dog treats
- **Do not look a dog straight in the eye** as he/she may see this as threatening behaviour
- **Never touch a dog that is sleeping**