

DOGS IN SCHOOL

ANNUAL REMINDERS—*please read*



Guidelines 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 follow the following common sense directions:

* **Consider your dog's characteristics** - age, breed, size, how used to children it is, any previous aggressive behaviour – before deciding if it is suitable to be in the school grounds among children.

Never bring your dog into the school building or close to entrance / exit points

- * Keep your **dog on a lead at all times**; **DO NOT allow him / her to jump up on anyone**
- * Keep your dog **away from other dogs**
- * 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** into the school grounds

Guidelines 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**