



Walhampton

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

POLICY FOR PARENTS BRINGING DOGS INTO SCHOOL  
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The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to parents who decide to bring their dog into school and to ensure that they can do so without causing unnecessary harm or anxiety to other members of the school community. The school recognises that dogs can bring a great deal of pleasure and companionship and we would consider Walhampton to be a 'dog friendly' school.

- Only current parents, staff and children are allowed to walk their dogs in grounds. The Headmaster and the Operations Director may authorise requests to walk dogs in the grounds from visitors, but this is at their discretion.
- Dog owners must recognise that some members of the school community are nervous of dogs and will not want to have any close contact with them or be in the vicinity of them.
- Any dog brought into school is done so entirely at the owner's risk and is the responsibility of the owner.
- Parents may bring their dog into the school grounds to walk around our woodland and lakes but all visiting dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Parents who wish to walk their dog regularly around the school's woodland and lakes must first request a grounds pass from the school office.
- The adult must always have control of the dog and children must never be left alone with or in charge of the dog.
- Any dog foul should be cleaned up immediately. It should be bagged and may be deposited in one of the dog-waste bins or taken home by the owner. The dog bins are located on main drive, by entrance gate to the woods and at the bottom of the glade.
- Aggressive dogs or those with a history of aggression must not be brought into the school.

- Parents should be very careful about allowing their dog access to other dogs within the grounds as it is not always possible to gauge how dogs may react towards each other.
- No dogs may be taken into school buildings, (including the front hall) without prior authorisation from the Headmaster or Operations Director.
- No dogs may be taken into the Pre-Prep. This includes the playgrounds, grassed areas such as Owl Corner and buildings.
- Dogs should not be taken into any sport or recreation area without being on a lead.
- If dogs are tied up for a short period, they should be left in a location where it is not possible for them to affect the natural flow of people around the school. For example, it would not be appropriate for a dog to be tied either to or close to the Pre-Prep gate.
- Parents should not bring dogs to major school events such as Founders' Day, Fireworks Night and The Arts Festival.
- Dogs should not be left unattended or tied up for a length of time.
- Please note that these guidelines will not apply to assistance dogs that are brought into school, from time to time, to provide support for someone with a specific disability.
- Any breaches of these guidelines should be reported to the Estates Bursar who may be contacted through the School Office.
- The school reserves the right to ask a parent, visiting member of the public or member of staff to remove their dog if the dog is posing a risk to the health and well being of any person or child in the school.