



Walhampton

Dogs on School Grounds Policy

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Aim

To ensure the safety and well-being of pupils, staff and visitors to the school and to minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the school grounds.

The context of the policy:

With the permission of the Head, staff and residential staff are allowed to have their dogs on site but must adhere to a clear code of conduct.

Code of Conduct

The School requires all staff bringing their dogs to school must adhere to this Code of Conduct that states:

- All dogs must be on a lead that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult who is in control of them. This includes staff walking their dogs in the
- The Head must authorise for any dog to be allowed inside school buildings;
- Unsupervised dogs must be secured in an appropriate crate when on the school site;
- No dog can be tied up and left unattended on or near the school site at any time - dogs should be kept away from entry ways so that children have a choice whether they want to come in direct contact with dogs;
- If any staff, parent or pupils object to the animal's presence then arrangements must be made to ensure that this animal is kept away from them. If necessary, the animal may need exclusion from specific areas;
- In any event, no dogs are allowed in the enclosed Early Years, Reception play area or Owl Corner and not on the Sports' pitches at any time;
- The adult bringing the dog on site is responsible for cleaning up and removing from site any soiling by their dog on the school grounds and failure to do so will mean the dog will no longer be allowed in the school grounds (N.B. dog waste must not be put into the school bins. Only dog waste bins should be used);
- Staff dogs on site or using the grounds must be properly vaccinated and treated for fleas and other parasites, regularly groomed and checked for signs of infection or other illness;
- Claws should be kept trimmed to reduce the risk of scratches;

- Pets that are ill should be diagnosed and treated by a vet and should not be allowed in the school premises until their health is restored. All pets should have their coats cleaned regularly.
- When bringing dogs on to the site, staff do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children or others and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment;
- It is understood that bringing dogs to school is a privilege not a right and is done at the absolute discretion of the Head.