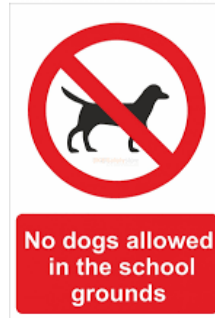


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Dear Parent/Carer

Dogs on school grounds

We have recently received a report of a dog on the school premises at the end of the school day. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site at any time. This includes drop off and collection times. The only exception to this would be a guide dog.

Although it is recognised that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly with younger children. Even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

There are a number of reasons why dogs should not be on school premises:

- Germs
- Allergies due to dog hair
- Dog escapes from its lead – potential for children/adults to be scratched or bitten
- Dogs getting over-excited when interacting with children
- Children who are afraid of dogs. The presence of dogs in the playground can be stressful, even frightening, particularly for younger children
- The playground is not an acceptable place for the animals
- Claims that can be made against the school re dog behaviour on school grounds – the school is not adequately covered financially

For the safety of the dog, as well as for the benefit of others, please do not tie your pet to the school gate and leave it unattended.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a safe and healthy environment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Hall
Headteacher

