



Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Dear Parents

Policy on Dogs on School Grounds

There have been **seven dogs** on the lower school car park today, some of which were not on a lead and I am sending this letter to remind you that dogs are not permitted on school premises under any circumstances.

We know that most dog owners are responsible and take care to control their dogs. We also know that dogs are great family pets and many parents and children get a lot out of having their dogs around.

However, the behaviour of dogs when in close proximity to other dogs and small children can be unpredictable. The nature of a school at busy times is such that over-excitement is much more likely to occur than generally would be the case. No one can be absolutely certain how their dogs will behave in an environment as dynamic as a school playground and the presence of dogs in this environment is potentially dangerous.

Dog fouling is also an issue that presents a problem in school as it is clearly unsafe to have children playing on the grass areas if dog faeces are present.

We appreciate that there are big dogs and small dogs and they have different personalities and characteristics but we have to have a policy that is fair and consistent for everyone.

Exceptions

- Professionally trained Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs will be permitted on the premises.

I would therefore appreciate your co-operation in not bringing your dog onto school premises with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely

Mr Steve Bower
Headteacher