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Dear Parents and Carers

Dogs outside the school gates

I'm just writing to remind all our families that own dogs that their pets should not be left unaccompanied or tied up outside the school gates at any time. Dogs must not be brought onto site at any time, this includes small dogs which at times are carried by their owners.

I'm asking our dog owning families not to do this because many of our children walk to and from school on their own and as such need to be able to get into school and off home, straight home after school has finished. In addition some children are scared of dogs that they do not know and we are also conscious of the health and safety implications of children possibly wanting to pet a dog which is not theirs.

The exception is of course made for assistance dogs registered through national schemes such as Guide Dogs for the Blind or Hearing Dogs which are permitted on site. Please note that they must be kept on a lead by an adult at all times and not allowed to foul the school site.

Finally, please do not congregate on the pathways around the school at the end of the day with your pets as this restricts the walkways when others are arriving and departing for our staggered drop off and pick up.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter and thanks for working with us whilst we make the journey to and from school as easy and safe as possible for all.

Kind regards always,

Mr Ricky Leigh
Headteacher