



Dobcroft

Infant School

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Dear Parents,

As part of our continual assessment of safeguarding the Headteachers and Governing Bodies of both Dobcroft Infant and Junior Schools have developed the following policy.

Protocol Regarding the Bringing of Dogs on to School Site

- Dobcroft Infant and Junior Schools and their Governing Bodies do not endorse the bringing of dogs on to school premises and are not responsible for the behaviour of dogs at any time.
- The school does not permit the bringing in o school buildings of dogs belonging to staff, pupils, parents or visitors with the exception of support dogs or police dogs.
- The appropriateness of behaviour of the dog is the responsibility of the person bringing the dog onto school grounds at all times.
- Dogs are **never** to be left unattended within the school grounds at any time.
- Dogs are **never** to be left tied up within the school grounds at any time.
- If you need to come into the school building for any reason, either leave your dog at home or on the yard with a responsible adult.
- Dogs should not be allowed to become a nuisance to others.
- Dogs that cannot be adequately controlled at all times must not be brought onto the school premises.
- Dogs should be kept on a short lead at all times whilst on school premises.
- School play grounds or grassed areas are not to be used for exercising dogs.
- Dogs' excrement must be cleared up by the owner immediately and taken away from school premises.
- To avoid injury or congestion owners should stand with dogs where there is plenty of space. They should not block emergency exit routes, drive ways and not stand where paths/areas are narrow or restricted.
- Not everyone likes dogs or are used to how dogs can behave– owners should only allow strangers (including children) to approach their dog(s) if they are sure their dog will stay calm during any interaction with others.
- Children can make sudden movements, which can disconcert dogs; the person controlling the dog must take this into account.
- Dog owners should be aware that any claims of negligence or injury are the full responsibility of the dog owner and not the school.
- There is an ongoing issue of dog excrement on the Cinder Path which is a health and safety issue for us all. Please make sure that you clear up all excrement from this path.
- Anyone who fails to adhere to this protocol will be asked by the Head Teacher to leave the school premises.
- Alongside our other Health and Safety policies and practices, adherence to this protocol will be reviewed continually.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in supporting the health and safety of our children.

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