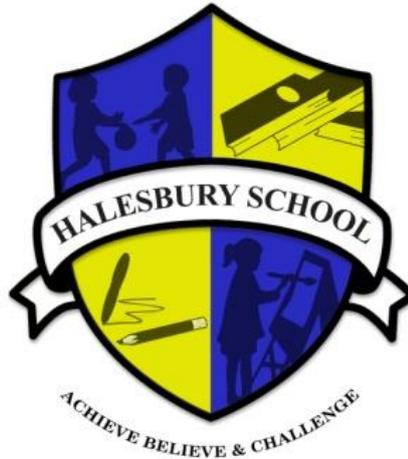


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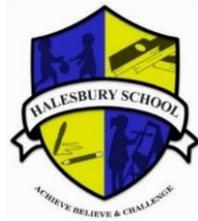
DOG POLICY

Policy for the attention of			
Audience	Key Audience	Optional Audience	Additional/Notes
Senior Leadership Team			
Teachers			
Teaching Assistants			
Administrative Staff			
Curriculum support			
Lunchtime Supervisors			
Site Manager			
Cleaners			
Governors			
Parents			
Website			
Local Authority			

Responsibility of	
Review frequency	
This version agreed	September 2019
Next review date	September 2020



Halesbury School Dog Policy



Introduction

Children can benefit educationally and emotional, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills, through contact with a suitable, calm dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with animals. The breed of Australian Labradoodle, is carefully selected as suitable for this type of environment. Arlo is well cared for and responsibly owned by the Deputy Head Teacher.

Is there a risk in bringing a dog into a school environment?

This policy shows that we have thought carefully about school life with a dog and how, through careful management, there is a very low risk of harm.

Context:

- Arlo will be owned by Mrs Appleby Payne
- Veterinary costs will be cover by the owner
- Arlo is an Australian Labradoodle, chosen for his very mild temperament and non-moulting coat. Arlo is a hypoallergenic dog.
- The risk assessment (attached) will be reviewed annually
- Visitor and new pupils will be informed of the dog on arrival



Management day-to-day:

Arlo will:

- Not be allowed in school if he is unwell
- Be kept on a lead when moving between classrooms or on a walk
- Be under the full control and supervision of an adult at all times
- Be fully trained to a cage or mat
- Have had all injections prior to joining Halesbury School

Pupils will:

- NOT have sole responsibility for, or be left alone with Arlo
- Meet Arlo in a group of no more than *three children*
- Be reminded of what is appropriate behaviour around Arlo every time they meet him
- Always remain calm
- Be gentle
- Do not put your face near Arlo's
- Do not disturb a dog that is eating or sleeping
- Always approach Arlo standing up
- Do not feed the dog
- Learn about how dogs express their feelings through their body language. Growling or baring of teeth indicates that the dog feels threatened or angry. Flattened ears, tail lowered or between their legs, hiding behind their owner, whining or growling are signs that the dog is frightened or nervous. If Arlo is displaying any of these signs, he should immediately be removed from that particular situation or environment.

Health and Safety Principles

- Children will always wash their hands or use alcohol gel after handling the dog.
- Any dog foul will be cleared up immediately and disposed of appropriately by the adult in charge of Arlo at the time. Children must never be allowed to do this.

Should a bite occur (even playfully):

1. Parents will be contacted immediately
2. The wound will be cleaned and covered with a sterile, non-sticky dressing
3. The child/adult will be released for medical attention
4. All staff will be informed
5. A full investigation will take place
6. The suitability of having a dog will be reassessed by the Head teacher.

This policy is reviewed annually by the Deputy Head Teacher, in consultation with the Head Teacher.

It was adopted/ratified by our school's Governing Body on **September 17th 2018.**



Signature of the Chair of Governors (Name of Governor: _____)

Signature of the Head Teacher (Mr John Kulyk): _____

Signature of the Deputy Head (Mrs Appleby Payne): _____