

HERRIES SCHOOL

DOG PROTOCOL



Purpose: To enable dogs belonging to staff, pupils and parents to be present on Herries School site whilst ensuring that best health and safety practice is followed for the wellbeing of all children and adults present on the site at any time.

Dogs belonging to staff, and in exceptional circumstances to parents, may be brought onto the school premises, but the following code of practice must be followed.

- Dogs should be kept under close supervision unless confined within an appropriate area e.g. a crate, a closed room, a car or as identified below.
- Dogs belonging to staff may be off the lead only in those areas of the school which are not in use by pupils at that time, unless agreed otherwise by the Headteacher or Bursar.
- Permission should be asked by pupils and parents before bringing their dog on site; it must be kept on a lead at all times and may only be taken to areas of the site as agreed appropriate by the school.
- Dogs should not be taken into classrooms or teaching areas during term time unless in exceptional or educational circumstances. Parents should be informed prior to this occurring.
- Anyone who comes into physical contact with a dog must wash their hands or use hygienic gel immediately after the occurrence.
- The cultural, religious and personal beliefs of all pupils and users of the school site must be respected by dog owners and reacted to appropriately.
- All dog owners, staff, pupils and parents must be responsible for ensuring that any fouling on any area of the site is dealt with immediately; in the event of failure to fulfil this criteria, the dog owner will be denied permission to bring their dog on site again.
- All dog owners are responsible for ensuring that their animals are free from internal and external parasites.

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