



## **Dog Policy**

This policy applies to the whole school including the EYFS.

### **Aim**

To ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils, staff, parents and visitors to Oakwood School.

### **Approach**

Dogs are an important part of life for many families at the school and are often included in day-to-day activities accompanying parents on the playing fields when matches are taking place and visits from guide dogs etc.

Whilst the school appreciates the positive attributes and values of pet ownership as an educational experience, it also acknowledges other families (and individuals) for whom contact with dogs can be stressful, or even frightening.

The dog policy therefore takes into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of our community.

### **Regulations**

- Dogs must be on a lead at all times
- Dogs must be under control at all times
- Dogs must not be left unattended at any time
- Dogs must be kept to the perimeter of the playing field during matches
- Owners must pick up, and appropriately dispose of, their dog's excrement
- Dogs must not enter any of the school buildings, especially the dining room, the kitchen, or anywhere where food is present (e.g. library during match tea). The only exception is for dogs that are an aid to visual impairment and disability.
- If it is felt by the Headteacher that any animal causing harm to individuals, or the school site, or she/he deems that the dog is creating a nuisance of itself, the owner of the dog will be asked to remove the dog from the school site with immediate effect

Given the rural nature of the School, we occasionally experience local dogs coming on site without supervision. Please advise the Office, who will deal with the issue by telephoning the dog's owner if known or the Dog Warden if the owner is not contactable or unknown. (01243 534604).

Oakwood School is committed to teaching children appropriate behaviour when approaching and interacting with all pets, in a bid to further minimise the risk of accidents or injury.

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