



## **Dogs and our School**

We understand that dogs play an important place in society and are valued companions for many families, playing an important part in family life.

For your information, and to safeguard our school community, please can we ask you to read and adhere to the following: -

- We do not allow dogs inside our school boundary
- We expect parents/guardians that bring any dog, near our school during school hours, to make sure that it is safe around children and other members of our school community.

### **Please note: -**

- School hours includes any time pupils/staff/other adults are entering/leaving school, which can be from approx. 7.30 am until 4.45pm.
- 'Near our school' includes the Wraggs Yard field and wooded area, which we use for, lessons, PE and after school clubs

Please read the information on the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/control-dogpublic>

## **Taken from Controlling your dog in public .Gov.uk**

### **Overview**

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, such as:

- in a public place
- in a private place, eg a neighbour's house or garden
- in the owner's home

### **The law applies to all dogs.**

Some types of dogs are banned – see website for list.

### **Out of control**

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them

A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:

- it attacks someone's animal

- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal

As a school, it is not our responsibility to deal with such matters. Any incidents must be reported to the appropriate authority e.g. Police or Dog Warden, for them to deal with as they see fit. If we witness an incident that puts our pupils/school community in any danger we will report it.