



### **Dogs in the School Area**

Dogs are part of many of our children's and families lives, and are well-loved pets, teaching children about animals and caring for living things. Some schools ban dogs entering the school grounds.

To date, our school has been a dog friendly school ***on the proviso that dogs are always on a leash and large dogs are muzzled and under the control of a responsible adult, in the school grounds.***

This also means that students are not permitted to lead a dog while on school grounds.

It has been noticeable that since Barkley's arrival the number of dogs at school have increased.

The safety of your children is the utmost importance!

If you bring your dog onto the school grounds:

- you must be with them at all times and please be aware that ***no dog can go on the playground or hanging about classroom areas*** as this will create ***a health and safety issue;***
- be mindful and preventative of any exuberant behaviour (eg. control the dog jumping on anyone else.) If your dog make a mess, you are responsible to clean it up.
- have them well clear of any entry and exit areas where children are coming out of classrooms
- Not all people like dogs
- **Please do not be offended if you are reminded by staff not to go near school playgrounds**

**Please be mindful of your dog's behaviour** and if your dog is not trained to be in public with children, adults and other dogs, in a safe, controlled and quiet manner, then please keep your dog at home where they can wait for the family to arrive.

Most parents that I have seen wait with their dog near the Ferguson Road exit.

Thank you for your support and understanding, your children and the teachers are very appreciative.