



HAZLEGROVE

POLICY FOR PARENTS BRINGING DOGS INTO SCHOOL

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to parents who decide to bring their dog into school and to ensure that parents can bring their dog into school without causing unnecessary harm or anxiety to other members of the school community. The school recognises that dogs can bring a great deal of pleasure and companionship, and we would consider ourselves to be a dog friendly school.

- Dog owners must recognise that some members of the school community are extremely nervous of dogs and will not want to have any close contact with them or be in the vicinity of a dog.
- Any dog brought into school is done so entirely at the owner's risk and is the responsibility of the owner.
- Parents may bring their dog into the school grounds while walking their dog but must always keep their dog on a short lead.
- The adult must always have control of the dog and children must never be left alone with or in charge of the dog.
- Any dog foul should be cleaned up immediately. It should be bagged and may be deposited in one of the blue school bins or taken home by the parent.
- Aggressive dogs or those with a history of aggression must not be brought into the school.
- Parents should be very careful about allowing their dog access to other dogs within the grounds as it is not always possible to gauge how dogs may react towards each other.
- No dogs may be taken into school buildings.
- No dogs may be taken into the Pre-Prep. This includes the playgrounds, grassed area and buildings.

- Dogs should not be taken into the area around the de-reg hut.
- If dogs are tied up for a short period, they should be left in a location where it is not possible for them to affect the natural flow of people around the campus. For example, it would not be appropriate for a dog to be tied either to or close to the Pre-Prep gate.
- Parents should not bring dogs to major school events such as Speech Day, Fireworks Night and Sports Day.
- Dogs should not be left unattended or tied up for a length of time.
- Therapy Dogs supporting class or students' needs will be granted access to the school with the authority of the Head.
- Please note that these guidelines will not apply to assistance dogs who are brought into school, from time to time, to provide support for someone with a specific disability.
- Any breaches of these guidelines should be reported to the Estates Bursar who may be contacted through the School Office.