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Dogs on School Premises Policy

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Chair of Governors
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This policy aims to ensure the safety and well-being dog all members of the Batchwood School community.

Batchwood School recognises that dogs are an important part of life for some of our families and as such are often included in day-today activities. In teaching we promote the relationship between people and their pets and accept and encourage the idea of pets being 'family members'.

The school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience: it also acknowledges other families and individuals can find contact with dogs stressful and even frightening,

This policy takes into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of Batchwood School community and aims to minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the school grounds.

To this end, the policy sets out a 'Code of Conduct' for all staff members or community members who bring dogs onto the school grounds. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct in respect of a dog will result in the dog not being allowed on school premises in future. Existing Government laws and local council policy cover issues such as dog fouling and restraint and these operate within our dogs on school premises policy. For further information visit: www.gov.uk/conyrol-dog-public

Regulations concerning dogs on school grounds are as follows:

All staff members and members of the Batchwood School community must adhere to this Code of Conduct which states:

- Every dog on school grounds must have an agreed risk assessment.
- All dogs to be kept on a lead or contained when on school grounds
- Students may only handle a dog with the permission and supervision of the owner
- No dogs are allowed into the playground area
- Dog owners are responsible for clearing and disposing of any dog soiling
- Dogs must be regularly wormed
- When bringing a dog on site, the owner does so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children and has never displayed any aggressions towards children
- The owner believes that dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment
- The policy makes it explicit that dogs will not be allowed into a classroom unless with their owner
- If a child is nervous around a dog, the dog will be removed from the classroom environment
- Dogs can be walked on school grounds with their owner and students as part of enrichment activities

For the avoidance of doubt, the school retains the right to direct that a dog is not to be brought into the school grounds between 9am-3pm during the school week, at the Headteacher's discretion.



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I agree to follow the Code of Conduct for Dogs on School Premises.

I accept full responsibility for my dog whilst on School Premises:

Signed:.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....