



SPRATTON HALL

Dog Policy

September 2023

DOG POLICY

Title: Dog Policy	Responsible: SJSC
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Staff Dogs

Dogs will only be permitted on site if the owner (staff member) has prior written consent from the Headmaster or Deputy Head. Permission for a dog to be on site will only be considered if the owner is based in an area other than a classroom, medical room or dining room. Classrooms are for teaching and learning and having a dog in the classroom environment is not deemed as appropriate and can be a distraction to learning. However, the school acknowledges that having a trained dog on site that has undergone a temperament and behaviour assessment can benefit children with special educational needs and having a therapy pet in school can improve the well-being of children. Every owner and keeper who has his or her dog in a room/office must abide by school policy as stated below.

Key points:

- Dogs may accompany members of staff into school during the school holidays. Any dogs doing so must be deemed to be well-behaved before they can come into school.
- A sign to signal that a dog is present in a room must be clearly displayed on the room/office door.
- All dogs kept in the room/office space must be insured (Third Party Liability).
- Permission may be withdrawn if the school become aware of any staff/pupil allergies that are inconsistent with the dog being on site.
- The owner may be liable to cover any cleaning costs that can be attributed directly to the dog.
- All immunisations, treatments, etc must be kept up to date and a record should be kept of this.
- The owner and keeper of the dog accepts full responsibility and liability for the dog at all times, both in terms of behaviour and for clearing and cleaning up after it.
- The owner and keeper, by bringing their dog onto the school site thereby fully indemnifies the school for any liability howsoever arising in matters concerning the dog.

Visitors to Site

Guide dogs are welcome on site and are distinguished from dogs as household pets in the rest of the policy below.

Parents and visitors are welcome to bring their dogs onto the school grounds when attending matches or similar outdoor events. The following must be adhered to:

- All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times
- Dogs should remain on the school fields side and should not be taken into any school buildings or the school buildings area, ie through the black gates
- Owners must take responsibility for picking up any mess made by their dog
- Dogs must be kept at a safe distance from the sports pitches so that they cannot interfere in any way with the game or enter the field of play
- Dogs may accompany visiting speakers if appropriate eg Dogs for Good, guide dogs. This should be covered in a risk assessment.
- The School reserves the right either to prevent dogs from attending specific events (such as sports day) or to prevent specific dogs from attending events (if they are deemed to be unfriendly or bark too much)