



Policy Title:	DOGS IN SCHOOL POLICY	
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1. Aims and objectives

To ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils, staff, and visitors to Duke of Kent School.

2. Approach

Dogs are an important part of life for many of the families at school and are often included in day to day activities such as accompanying parents on drop offs/pick-ups or coming to sports fixtures. Whilst the School acknowledges the positives of pet ownership, it also acknowledges other families and individuals for whom contact with dogs can be stressful. This policy therefore takes into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of our community. The policy also covers dog ownership by our staff who live on site and 'one off' special permission for dogs to be on site.

3. Regulations for families/parents visiting with their dogs

- Dogs must be under control at all times and under adult responsibility
- Take all appropriate steps to ensure that no injury is sustained or distress is experienced by any person or the dog.
- Dogs must be on a lead at all times

- Dogs must not be left unattended at anytime
- Dogs must keep to the perimeter of the playing field during matches
- Owners must pick up and appropriately dispose of their dog's excrement – there are no dog waste bins on school premises and must be taken away and not placed in our general waste bins.
- Dogs must not enter the school buildings with the exception of the Old Hall and Meetings Rooms. The exception to this is for dogs that are an aid to visual impairment and disability or any wellbeing dog.
- If it is felt by the Head that any animal is causing harm to individuals, or the School site, or deems that the dog is creating a nuisance of itself, the owner of the dog will be asked to remove the dog from the School site with immediate effect.
- The school is mindful of the provisions of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 which prohibits the ownership of certain types of dogs and prohibits allowing any dog (of any breed and type) to be dangerously out of control.
- The School reserves the right to withdraw permission, at its discretion and without notice, for any individual to bring a dog onto school premises.