



DAVENIES

Dog Policy

Introduction

Pets, particularly dogs, are an important part of life for many families and are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from School. Whilst the School appreciates the positive attributes and values of pet ownership as an educational experience, it also acknowledges that there may be some members of staff, pupils and visitors to the School for whom contact with some pets can be stressful, frightening or may even pose a threat to health from bites, infections or allergies. This Policy therefore takes into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of the School community.

Policy and Guidelines

It is the Policy at Davenies that **No Dogs are allowed onsite at any time**, this includes entering the site at the Sainsbury's Gate at drop-off and pick-up, and for matches on the School's playing fields.

The exception to this is Assistance Dogs, and where the Headmaster has a dog that he wishes to bring into School with him. In this event, the following shall apply:

- The Dog must be kept under close control, i.e. on a lead, when out and about around the school, and when pupils are present.
- The Dog must have a collar with an identity tag.
- It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure excrement is cleared up and disposed of by bagging and placing in an external bin in the bin store.
- The Dog's owner must take proper preventative treatment against worms, fleas, ticks etc.
- The Dog should not be brought into the Dining Room or Staff Room. Some staff and pupils may have allergies or feel uncomfortable in the presence of animals. Hygiene may also be compromised.

Those wishing to bring an Assistance Dog onto school premises should contact the Bursar in advance of their visit, in order that suitable arrangements can be made.

The School reserves the right to ask individuals to remove their pet(s) from the site, and members of staff should challenge any individual who brings a dog onto site.

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