

22nd January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Dogs on the school run and on site.

Dogs on the school run:

This morning, one of our pupils was hurt as she cycled to school. The pupil was bitten by a dog and this resulted in the child being very distressed and having to seek medical attention. I would urge all parents and carers to consider the nature of their dogs and whether it is appropriate to bring your dogs on the school run if they are easily frightened or could frighten / hurt others in their behaviours.

I would also urge dog owners to think of those children who are genuinely scared of dogs and consider this in the way you move through the narrow pathway.

Dogs on site:

Could I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that dogs should **not** be on the school site at all, at any time (unless they are dogs for the blind or specifically invited from charities such as the Dog's Trust). This rule applies irrespective of the size and temperament of the dog, and I would appreciate everyone respecting this. Please appreciate that it is the responsibility of all our staff to challenge anyone who brings a dog on site.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Mrs Zoe Hussain
Headteacher