

13 September 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

### **SCHOOL DOG**

Our School Business Manager, Mrs Beech, purchased a Cavachon puppy in July, which she is now training to be our school dog. A Cavachon is a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Bichon Frise. After a lot of research, it was felt that this was the most suitable cross-breed for a school dog due to its gentle, affectionate, nature. They are excellent with children and easy to train. They have a non to low shedding coat and are mostly hypoallergenic. Training will be carefully monitored and regularly assessed and we also have a School Dog Policy and Risk Assessment.

There are many benefits to having a school dog, including a calming effect on pupils, encouraging children to participate, giving them a sense of responsibility and building confidence.

Please complete and sign the slip below and return it to the School Office at your earliest convenience but ***no later than Wednesday 20 September***; thank you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Many thanks.  
Kind regards

**Ian Dewes**  
**Headteacher**

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Child's Name:

Class:

I **DO/DO NOT** (delete as appropriate) give permission for my child to have contact with the school dog.

Signed:

Date: