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## Dogs

Dear Parent / Carer

It has become increasingly noticeable that there are families who are bringing dogs with them to school when they drop off and pick up their children. During the last two years during the pandemic, I know that more and more of our families have got dogs and they make excellent family pets.

However, we have a number of children and parents who, for a variety of reasons, can be scared of dogs. This is particularly the case with younger children and causes unnecessary anxiety when going to and from school.

I cannot make people leave their dogs at home, but I would like to encourage you leave them at home to make it easier for everyone at drop off and pick up. If you really do need to bring your dog with you, please don't stand near the gates as this then blocks the entrance. If you are walking on the pavement, please make sure your dog is close to you as I know some people are having to go in the road to get around the dogs.

Just to be clear, I am a huge fan of dogs and know they bring a huge amount of joy to a family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Bowsher  
Headteacher

