



Pupil Acceptable Use Policy: School Therapy Dog

Purpose

Our school therapy dog (Luna) helps create a calm, welcoming and supportive environment for pupils, staff and visitors. To keep everyone safe and comfortable, all pupils must follow this acceptable use policy when around Luna.

Pupil Expectations

When I am around Luna, I **will**:

- Be calm, quiet and gentle.
- Always listen to staff instructions.
- Ask permission before approaching or touching the dog.
- Approach slowly and carefully.
- Stroke the dog gently using open hands.
- Respect the dog's space if it moves away or is resting.
- Wash or sanitise my hands after touching the dog.
- Tell a member of staff if I feel worried, uncomfortable or unwell.
- Help keep the area tidy and safe.
- Show kindness and respect to the dog at all times.

When I am around Luna, I **will not**:

- Run, shout or make sudden loud noises near her.
- Chase, corner or crowd her.
- Pull ears, tail, fur, lead or equipment.
- Hug, climb on or sit on her.
- Feed Luna unless a staff member says it is allowed.
- Take toys, bedding, food or water away from her.
- Disturb Luna when she is eating, drinking or sleeping.
- Tease or frighten her.
- Ignore staff instructions.
- Bring personal pets into school without permission.

Safety and Wellbeing

- The Luna's welfare is important.
- If the dog shows signs of stress or needs a break, pupils must give it space immediately.
- Staff may end an interaction at any time.

If this agreement is not followed, access to the therapy dog will be stopped and consequences will be put in place.

I understand these rules and agree to follow them.



Signed: _____

Date: _____