



Brunshaw Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Subject: School Therapy Dog

We are pleased to inform you that our school will be introducing a therapy dog as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils' emotional wellbeing and development.

Research shows that interaction with a well-trained therapy dog can help children build confidence, reduce anxiety, and support social and emotional learning. Our school therapy dog is called Luna. She is a Cockerpool, a breed often chosen for its friendly nature and low-shedding coat, which is widely regarded as more suitable for those with mild sensitivities.

Luna will be owned by Mrs Cooper and will be fully trained, carefully assessed for suitability in a school environment, and always supervised by trained adults. All interactions with children will be carefully planned, structured and closely monitored to ensure the safety, wellbeing and comfort of everyone involved.

We understand that not all families may wish for their child to interact with a dog in school. If you **do not** want your child to take part in any activities involving the therapy dog, please complete the opt-out section below and return it to school by **Friday 8th May 2026**. Alternative arrangements will always be made to ensure your child is fully supported and included in all other aspects of school life.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cooper

I DO NOT give permission for my child _____ to interact with the Therapy Dog

Signed _____

Allergy and Medical Information

Although Cockerpoos are considered hypoallergenic, we recognise that some children may still have allergies or sensitivities to dogs.



Please inform us if your child has any known allergies, medical conditions or concerns related to dogs so that we can take appropriate precautions.

My child _____ has an allergy or sensitivity to dogs

Please provide details below:
