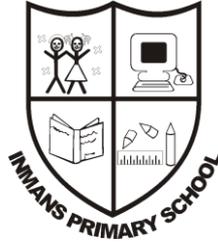


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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the initial email sent last week regarding a dog in school, we would like you to meet Cassie.

Governors and staff have supported the decision to bring Cassie into school on a weekly basis. Cassie belongs to me. She is a six year old King Charles Spaniel. She has been with me and my family for over three years and has settled very well. Previous to that Cassie grew up in a family with young children where she was well trained. As an older dog, Cassie is quiet and enjoys relaxing.

Some of the benefits of having a school dog include:

- Encouraging expression and participation in quieter/ more reserved children
- Teaching children to nurture and respect life
- Motivating children to think and to learn, as most children have a high level of natural interest in, enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals
- Fostering a sense of responsibility.



Cassie will stay in the office, which is secure and separate from the classrooms and will only come into contact with the children during closely supervised times, as long as parental permission has been given. Whilst moving around the school, Cassie will be kept on a short lead and will always be accompanied by an adult. Any children who are fearful of dogs will not, under any circumstances, be forced to meet Cassie.

A risk assessment has been completed and can be found on the school website. We understand that it is not possible for families to have a family dog and therefore, we hope that this an opportunity for children to have a 'share' in a dog and gain from a relationship and contact on a regular basis.

There will be an opportunity for children to meet Cassie and we will email details to you after the half term break. Please complete the slip below and return it to school.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Fellows
Headteacher

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to interact with Cassie on a supervised basis

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to interact with Cassie

My child is nervous around dogs, but I am happy for him/her to come into contact with Cassie during the school day



Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)



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