

## STROUD SCHOOL: DOG POLICY

This policy is applicable to all staff, parents, pupils and other visitors to the school. The principles of this policy should also be applied to other animals on site. **The exceptions to this policy are assistance dogs, or animals necessitated by medical need or disability.**

It must be remembered that this is a school and the welfare of the children and staff comes before that of a dog or any other animal on site. Owners **MUST** be aware that dogs are potentially dangerous; they can be a health hazard and not all children and adults like them. Staff members have the full support of the school to approach any dog owners not adhering to the terms of this policy and any member of the SMT may ask for a dog to be removed from the school site.

The following **RULES** must be adhered to. Failure to do so may result in owners being asked to remove the dog from the school site.

1. **All dogs must under control and be on a lead at all times.** Dogs are not allowed to roam unattended anywhere on school premises.
2. Dogs are **NOT** permitted on the sports pitches, in any circumstances.
3. Dogs with a history of nipping and/or biting must be muzzled whilst on the estate.
4. Dog owners who bring their dog on site must have valid third party liability insurance since the dog remains the responsibility of the owner at all times and as such it is the owner rather than the school who will be liable for any accident for which the dog is responsible. The Head, or any member of the SMT is fully entitled to ask for information regarding insurance policies at any time. Staff with permission to bring dogs to school must provide a copy of their insurance policy.
5. Dogs must be clean and have up to date injections. Dogs must not be allowed to walk around the site unless fully immunised. Staff with permission to bring dogs to school must provide a copy of the vaccination record.
6. Contractors may not bring dogs onto the premises.
7. Dogs are not allowed inside any buildings on the school estate, with the exception of authorised staff dogs.
8. Any teacher wishing to bring a dog on site must make the request in writing to the Head. Dogs will not normally be permitted in classrooms.
9. In upstairs teaching areas, owners must be especially alert to the possible danger to children and adults of dogs on stairs and landings.
10. **ALL** dog waste **MUST** be removed with a 'poo bag' and disposed of in one of the bins on site, preferably in a suitable manner off-site. A supply of suitable bags is kept in the school grounds office for anyone to use.

11. The Head and the Senior Management Team have the right to ask any member of staff or parent to remove his /her dog from the site.