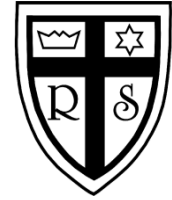


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Dear Parents,

Dolly Dog

You may already be aware, Dolly the Cockapoo puppy joined our school community this year. I would like to reassure you that pupils will only be able to come into contact with Dolly if parental permission has been received.

We understand that many parents will have concerns regarding bringing a school dog onto the premises, and I would like to use this letter to provide some reassurance to parents. We have undertaken a full risk assessment to ensure that any hazards can be adequately controlled – we have published this risk assessment on the school website for you to view should you wish to access it. Below, I have listed some concerns which I believe parents may have.

My child is allergic to dogs and I don't want them to have an allergic reaction

As previously mentioned, I have chosen a cockapoo puppy, which has a non-allergenic coat and does not malt, meaning there is a significantly reduced risk of an allergic reaction. If, however, you would still prefer your child not to come into contact with Dolly, we will accommodate your request and ensure that arrangements are in place.

We have undertaken a thorough risk assessment, which details the hygiene practices that will be in place – such as cleaning of hands and the environment before and after coming into contact with Dolly. More information is detailed in our risk assessment which is available for you to download.

Will the dog be properly cared for?

Dolly will be subject to a rigorous grooming process to prevent the risk of infection or disease. Dolly will be kept in my office during the day and will have an adequate supply of food and water.

My child is scared of dogs

We understand that some children may be fearful of dogs. Cockapoos are known for being extremely child-friendly and Dolly will provide the opportunity for children to overcome their fears, with their parents' permission. The training that Dolly has undergone will ensure that she is well-behaved, gentle and calm around children. However, if parents would prefer for their child not to come into contact with Dolly, we will do our best to ensure this does not happen.

Is the dog well-behaved?

As previously mentioned, Dolly has been trained to ensure she is well-behaved at all times. She will be kept on a short leash whenever walking around school.

Please complete the attached permission slip, outlining whether your child is able to come into contact with Dolly or not. I would like to reassure you that a written list will be held of all children for whom permission has been received – this will be distributed to all staff members and only these children will be permitted to be around or touch Dolly.

We hope you will embrace all Dolly has to offer to our community. I hope to have provided reassurance to any concerns you may have via this letter; however, if you have any further questions, please feel free to speak to me in school, via email (head@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk) or by calling the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs R. Savory
Headteacher



Dolly Dog Permission Slip

Please complete the following permission slip, providing a tick next to the condition which reflects your consent, which will be valid until July 2021. Should you wish to amend your permission, please contact the school in writing.

Name of child _____ Class _____

My child is allergic to dogs and I would not like my child to be around, or touch, the dog.	
My child is allergic to dogs, but I am happy for them to be around the dog, as long as my child does not touch the dog.	
My child has a fear of dogs and I would not like my child to be around, or touch, the dog.	
My child has a fear of dogs, but I am happy for them to be slowly introduced to the dog.	
I would not like my child to be around, or touch, the dog for reasons other than those outlined above.	
I am happy for my child to be around and touch the dog.	

I, _____ (name of parent) have fully read and understood the conditions of this letter. I agree that I have provided the correct consent above and will inform the school in writing if my permission changes at any stage.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____