

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.

The following **RULES** must be adhered to:

1. **All dogs must be on a non-retractable 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 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. With the Head's permission, teachers may take clean, well-behaved dogs into their offices (but not into classrooms). They must remove their dogs if they become a distraction or if any child feels uneasy in the close proximity of a dog. It is important to realise that children from different countries, not least those where Rabies is endemic, may have a much more anxious response to dogs than British children.
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** poo **MUST** be removed with a 'poo bag' and disposed of in one of the bins on site or in a suitable manner off-site. A supply of bags is kept in the school office for anyone to use.
11. The Head and the Senior Leadership team have the right to ask any member of staff or parent to remove his /her dog from the site.