

School Dog Policy

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1. Rationale

Having a school dog allows the young people at LAMP to benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog.

In addition to these benefits, many of our young people take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog.

This policy must be read alongside the LAMP School dog risk assessment.

2. Information

The dog is called Ripley and is a female, apricot cockapoo chosen for their very mild temperament and their hypoallergenic and non-molting coat.

Ripley is owned by members of staff at LAMP; Florence Ellis & Pip Burley.

3. Precautions

The following will be followed;

- Ripley will have regular visits to the vet to receive flea and worming treatments and to ensure she is healthy.
- Ripley is regularly groomed and claws clipped to reduce the risk of scratching.
- Staff, visitors and students known to have allergic reactions to dogs must not go near the her.
- If Ripley is ill she will not be allowed into LAMP.
- Ripley is never left alone at LAMP
- Ripley will be kept on a lead when moving between classrooms or on a walk and will be under the full control and supervision of either Pip or Florence at all times.
- Students will never be left alone with Ripley
- All people new to LAMP will be asked if they are comfortable around dogs and will be asked if they would like to meet her.
- There will be appropriate adult supervision at all times when Ripley is present with students.
- Students should be told about and reminded of what is appropriate behaviour around Ripley.
- Students should remain calm around her.

- Students should not to put their face near her
- Students should always approach her standing up.
- Students should never go near or disturb Ripley when she is sleeping or eating.
- Students must not be allowed to play too roughly with her.
- If Ripley is surrounded by a large number of students, she could become nervous and agitated. Therefore, the adult in charge of her must ensure that s/he monitors the situation.
- If Ripley is displaying any warning signs of anxiety or upset, she should be immediately removed from that particular situation or environment.
- Any dog foul will be cleaned immediately and disposed of appropriately by an adult
- Ripley is walked prior to arriving at LAMP in the morning

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team every year.

5. Links to other documents

This policy links to the following document/s:

- School dog risk assessment