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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our expectation regarding dogs on the school site.

Firstly, as many of you know, I am a great lover of our furry friends and genuinely enjoy greeting many of your dogs at the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times. They are often a lovely part of our school community and school run routine.

However, we must also recognise that not everyone feels the same way. Some children and adults are nervous around dogs, and some may have had previous experiences that make them feel anxious. Equally, even the most well-behaved and much-loved dogs can react unexpectedly in certain situations. It only takes one moment for an accident or upset to occur.

To help keep our playground and school site safe and comfortable for everyone, I kindly ask that dogs remain **outside the school gates** where the sign clearly states, **"No Dogs Beyond This Point."** This includes dogs being walked or carried onto the playground.

We can still enjoy bringing our dogs on the school run while ensuring that all children, staff and families feel safe and relaxed during the busiest parts of the day.

Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation with this request. By working together, we can make drop-off and pick-up times enjoyable, welcoming and safe for all members of our school community.

Yours Faithfully

Miss J Howden
Principal

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