



# Animals on School Premises Policy

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Date of review: August 2019

Lead : M Morgan

Pastoral Care

## Rationale

Mission statement:  
Inspired by St. John the Baptist, we  
Work together in Love  
Play together in Harmony  
Pray together in Faith  
Aspiring to Happiness and Achievement for all

St John the Baptist Primary School is part of a community where the benefits of pet ownership are valued. The school's primary duty of care is to our students. Some children have a fear of dogs and students need to feel safe while on school grounds.

The intent of the policy is to ensure that our school grounds remain clean and safe for all. Dogs and other animals (other than local wildlife) are not permitted on school grounds. Certified assistance animals, specifically trained to enhance mobility or disability, are exempted from these provisions, and are allowed access to schools using the same guidelines as those in place in the community.

The policy does allow for animals to visit classrooms, but only for specific purposes (such as special show and tell, visit from TACT or another animal / wildlife organisation). Furthermore, the policy only allows animals in classrooms with the prior approval of a Senior Leadership Team member.

## Aim

- To ensure the safety and confidence of children and adults in the school grounds in the vicinity of dogs.
- To regulate the presence and management of animals on School premises and in areas where School activities are being undertaken. 'School premises' include all areas, buildings and facilities which are accessible by students, staff and /or members of the public.

This policy applies to all School employees, students, contractors and visitors of St John the Baptist P.S.

Parents will be informed of this policy via:

- The newsletter
- The school website
- Signs outside school

## Evaluation

Dogs on School Premises Policy is to be reviewed every three years in consultation with staff and Governors is to be kept up to date following changes in legislation, government policy, circumstances and/or organisational change.

**Review date:** Sept 2019