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Dear Parents,

Dogs on school premises and at school gate

I have had several concerns raised by parents and staff that dogs are being brought onto the school site. Also, I have seen a number of dogs tethered by the school gate increase over the last few months.

Firstly, no matter how lovely your dog is, they are simply not allowed on the school site (including the driveway). This is standard procedure in all schools. The only exception would be dogs for the visually impaired or hearing impaired.

Recently, I have read a news report about a child who was bitten on the face very badly by a dog tethered to the school gate. It was a dog of previously good character that had maybe had one pat too many or perhaps had been upset by the crowds around it. The child involved spent a lot of time in hospital and took a long time to recover physically from the attack. With this report in mind, I ask parents not to tether a dog to the school gate.

Also, lots of children are fearful of dogs of any sort and it's unfair to expect them to have to walk past a dog as they enter and leave their school.

Please do not tie your dog and leave it unattended outside the school. Please leave your dog at home rather than bring it to school.

Your understanding with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J R Leeman

