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PINEWOOD SCHOOL DOG POLICY

Introduction

1. Dogs are part of Pinewood School life and well-behaved dogs are most welcome on site. The School seeks to promote a dog friendly environment and this policy, in accordance with the School's Health, Safety and Environmental Protection policy, sets the control rules to be observed by all dog owners to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the Pinewood Community.

Control Rules

2. All dog owners are requested to ensure they adhere to the following:

a. Dogs visiting the site.

(1) Visiting dog owners (Staff, Pinewood parents and visiting school parents) may bring their dog on site but should be prepared to provide evidence of pet insurance, including liability cover, if requested.

(2) All dogs should wear a collar and name tag showing a contact number and owner's surname.

(3) It is the owner's responsibility to keep their dog under close supervision at all times particularly in the vicinity of young children. This means the dog must be on a lead when walking around the School grounds whilst School is in session. They must not be left alone, even if tied up with a lead.

(4) Owners may take dogs into the Main School building, providing the dog is on a lead. Please note that dogs should not be brought into the front hall or drawing room during match teas. This is a busy time of the week and some individuals may feel uncomfortable in the close presence of a dog. Dogs should not be taken into other school buildings.

(5) Dogs may not be walked directly on the School sports pitches. The grassed areas around the perimeter of the playing fields and in between marked pitches are permitted. Dogs may not enter the pond, all weather pitches and the swimming pool

enclosure. Dogs may be exercised off the lead when walking through the plantation on the Pinewood trail, but must be on a lead if in the vicinity of livestock when using the public footpaths.

(6) All dog waste must be collected, bagged and placed in an outside bin by the owner.

(7) Dogs are discouraged from school and social events (less sporting fixtures), except for guide dogs.

b. Dogs in School Residential Properties.

(1) Staff living on the premises of Pinewood School may house a dog in their accommodation, but must seek permission from the Headmaster prior to bringing their dog on site. They must be prepared to provide evidence of pet insurance, including liability cover, if requested.

(2) Staff dog owners are to be fully responsible for their dog at all times while on the school premises. The control rules at paragraph 2a apply equally to dogs living in school residential property with the following exceptions:

(a) Staff must not have dogs in School buildings during term time, except Main School (see 2a(4)) above.

(b) Dogs may exceptionally be allowed in work or office spaces with permission from the Headmaster, but only where the office is solely occupied by the dog owner and where an appropriate risk assessment has been conducted.

(c) Employees will be held responsible for any damage caused by their dog to the School's property.

(d) Dogs must not be allowed to wander unattended, inside or outside of school buildings.

Conclusion

3. If the control rules are not followed then it may be necessary to request that dogs are not brought on to the Pinewood School site. In the event a dog is considered aggressive or a nuisance then the School reserves the right to request the owner to remove the dog from the premises.

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