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Inspiring a love of learning

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Introduction of a School Dog and Parent/Guardian Authorisation

We are excited to inform you that Victoria Road Primary School has a school dog. This carefully planned addition has enhanced our school environment and provides numerous benefits for our pupils.

The presence of a school dog has been shown to positively impact children's emotional well-being, confidence, and social skills. Our school dog, Teddy, is a cockapoo who has been specially chosen for their temperament and suitability for working in a school setting as well as his hypoallergenic fur. Teddy has been fully trained and will be supervised at all times to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone involved.

We would like to offer children the opportunity to interact and work with Teddy through a range of supervised activities, such as reading sessions, well-being support, or simply spending time with the dog to build confidence and responsibility. Participation in these activities is, of course, entirely voluntary and requires your consent.

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to the school office. We understand that some children may feel apprehensive around dogs or may have allergies. Please indicate any concerns or relevant medical conditions on the form so we can ensure their needs are fully supported.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the introduction of Teddy further, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support as we introduce this exciting initiative to enrich our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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