

NURTURING POTENTIAL SINCE 1860

# **Dog Policy**

This document applies to all parts of Lambrook School including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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# **Lambrook School – Our Purpose**

Since 1860, Lambrook has been laying the foundations for its pupils' futures. Children have one opportunity for an education which will form the basis of their lives and, at the same time, one childhood; Lambrook aims to keep a happy balance between the two.

During their time with us, we give our pupils the 'Feathers to Fly' so that when they leave us, they will spread their wings and will take flight; leaving Lambrook as confident, happy, engaging, independent and kind young people who are outward looking in all that they do.

# **Inspiring**

Inspiring pupils from Nursery through to Year 8, offering the most outstanding breadth of educational experiences, encouraging academic intrigue and a desire to learn.

## **Nurturing**

Nurturing and supporting all pupils through an outstanding level of pastoral care, empowering pupils to flourish and have healthy relationships with others within our vibrant and caring School community.

# **Providing**

Providing pupils with an abundance of opportunities to discover, pursue and develop their skills, talents and interests.

### **Preparing**

Preparing our children for the next stage of their educational journey, developing the many 'feathers' necessary for their time at Lambrook, at their future senior schools and beyond.

#### Equipping

Equipping our children with the skills and the confidence to understand the challenges of the world in which they live; recognising their responsibility towards others, the environment and themselves and enabling them to make a difference, both now and in the future.

#### LAMBROOK DOG POLICY

It must be remembered that this is a school and the welfare of the children and staff comes before that of a dog. Owners MUST be aware that dogs are potentially dangerous; they can be a health hazard and not all children and adults like them.

The following RULES must be adhered to:

- 1. All dogs must be on a lead at all times.
- 2. Dogs must have up to date inoculations.
- 3. All excrement MUST be removed by the owner with a bag and disposed of in one of the dog bins on site or should be disposed of in a suitable manner off site.
- 4. Dog owners who bring their dog on site must have valid third-party liability insurance since the dog remains the responsibility of the owner at all times and as such it is the owner rather than the school who will be liable for any accident for which the dog is responsible. The Bursar is fully entitled to ask for information of insurance policies at any time.
- 5. Dogs with a history of nipping and/or biting are not permitted on site.
- 6. Dogs are not permitted to go near/inside playgrounds, or inside buildings.
- 7. Dogs should not be left unattended around the school site and specifically in areas where children may approach the dog.
- 8. Staff should request permission from the Headmaster if they would like to bring a dog (or any other pet) into School.
- 9. It is expected that the dog would only be in School as part of a pre-planned activity, relevant to the staff member's role in school.
- 10. They must remove their dogs if they become a distraction or if any child feels uneasy in the close proximity of a dog.
- 11. The Headmaster and/or Bursar has the right to ask any member of staff or parent to remove his /her dog from the site.
- 12. Not reading or being aware of the School's Dog Policy does not justify non-adherence to this policy; this Policy will be taken as read for owners bringing dogs onto the site.
- 13. The Policy will be reviewed annually and can be amended at any time.