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12th September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Introduction of Jack, Our School Visitor

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about an exciting addition to our school community, which we believe will positively impact the wellbeing and atmosphere of our school.

We are pleased to introduce you to Jack, a German Shorthaired Pointer cross, who will be visiting our school on a regular basis. Jack is not a trained therapy or assistance dog; instead, he is a well-behaved pet owned by one of our dedicated staff members, Ms. Larner. We believe that Jack's presence will contribute to the overall wellbeing and positive environment of our school.

Jack's visits will primarily take place at our Dale Acre site, with occasional visits to the Oakfield site. His role is to provide support and comfort to our students and staff, helping to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and to positively contribute to the wellbeing of those on site.

We understand that some students or visitors may have allergies or fears related to dogs. Please rest assured that we have taken several precautions to ensure everyone's safety and comfort during Jack's visits:

1. Jack will always be on a lead or under the direct control of Ms. Larner.
2. Students with known allergies will not come into direct contact with Jack
3. All students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands after interacting with Jack.

We will also educate our students about appropriate behaviour around Jack, emphasising the importance of gentle and respectful interactions. Additionally, we have conducted a thorough risk assessment to identify and mitigate any potential risks associated with Jack's presence on-site. We take the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff very seriously, and we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all.

If you have any specific concerns or questions regarding Jack's visits, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your input and want to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and informed about this new addition to our school community.

We look forward to welcoming Jack and believe that his visits will enhance the overall school experience for our students. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to strive for a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Sincerely,

Ms. S Larner
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