



DOGS ON SITE POLICY

This policy refers to both Wellington Senior School and Wellington Prep School

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Wellington School recognises that in some controlled circumstances the presence of dogs on site can be beneficial to the well-being of pupils and staff. However, dog owners must be aware that dogs are potentially dangerous and may also be a health hazard. They must also be mindful of the fact that some children and adults do not like dogs and may be afraid of, or allergic to them.

It is envisioned that on some occasions dogs will be brought onto premises to accompany their owners when watching School sports events or simply moving about the campus. On these, as on any other occasions, as a School, the welfare of the children, staff and visitors is paramount.

This policy does not apply to assistance dogs

RULES

The following rules must be adhered to and apply both in-term time and in the holiday periods:-

- Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times and must ensure that any fouling is cleared up immediately and effectively. Dogs must be kept on leads and should not present a traffic hazard and any pupil interaction with the dog/s must be properly supervised by the owner.
- Dogs are not permitted on the sports pitch playing areas, designated children's playing areas, or in the School buildings at any time.
- Dogs must be clean and have up to date vaccinations.
- Dog owners who bring their dog/s on campus must have valid third party liability insurance and accept that they will be wholly liable for any accident for which the dog/s is/are responsible while on Wellington School premises. Wellington School staff are entitled to ask for evidence of such insurance policies at any time.
- Dogs owned by staff should not normally be present when teaching or undertaking other supervisory duties.
- Dogs owned by staff residents will live in their residential areas under the terms of their occupancy agreement.
- Contractors may not bring a dog onto the campus unless specifically permitted to do so by the Bursar.

If any staff member observes a rule being flouted, they are to remind dog owners of these rules at the first opportunity.

Wellington School reserves the right to request that a dog be removed from their premises immediately, should it be causing any kind of nuisance, without recourse to lengthy explanations. In these instances owners must remove their dogs without delay.

EDUCATIONAL OFF-SITE VISITS

There are occasions when the presence of staff-owned dogs on educational off-site visits such as hiking trips, may enhance the experience for the pupils and staff alike. This is at the discretion of the visit leader and the member of staff responsible for approving that risk assessment. In these circumstances sensible provision must be made to transport the dog.