



# **St Mary's RC Primary School**

## **No Dogs on School Site Policy**

### **April 2025**

#### **Vision:**

We believe that every child is a gift from God, therefore, we aim to provide an outstanding and happy Catholic education which develops the 'whole child' whilst enabling them to reach their full potential.

#### **Mission statement:**

**We love God** ... so we follow the examples of Jesus

**We love learning** ... so we always do our very best in everything

**We love each other** ... so we treat each other as we want to be treated

## **Policy Statement:**

St Mary's RC Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all pupils, staff, and visitors. To maintain a safe environment, dogs are not permitted on the school premises, with the exception of assistance dogs.

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Minimize the risk of injury.
- Ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all.
- Comply with health and safety regulations.

## **Scope:**

This policy applies to all visitors, parents, guardians, staff, and pupils of St Mary's RC Primary School.

## **Exceptions:**

- Assistance dogs, such as guide dogs for the visually impaired, are permitted on the premises.
- Prior approval from the school administration must be obtained for any other exceptions.

## **Implementation:**

1. **Signage:** Clearly visible signs stating "No Dogs Allowed" will be placed at all school entrances.
2. **Communication:** The policy will be communicated to parents and guardians via newsletters, the school website, and during school meetings.
3. **Enforcement:**
  - Staff members are authorized to remind visitors of the policy and politely ask them to remove their dogs from the premises.
  - Repeated violations by individuals will result in further action, which may include being denied entry to the school grounds.
4. **Review and Monitoring:**
  - The policy will be reviewed annually by the school administration to ensure its effectiveness.
  - Feedback from the school community will be considered during the review process.

## **Responsibilities:**

- **School Administration:** Responsible for the policy's implementation, monitoring, and review.
- **Staff:** Support the enforcement of the policy by reminding visitors of the rules.
- **Parents/Guardians:** Comply with the policy and ensure that dogs are not brought onto school premises.

## **Contact Information:**

For any queries or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Headteacher or school office

## **Monitoring and review:**

This policy will be regularly reviewed at a minimum every 2 years and in line with any changes to statutory guidance and the law.

