

Brampton Cortonwood Infant School



Pet Consent Letter

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Part of the James Montgomery Academy Trust



School Pets

Dear Parent/Carers

In school we have a school dog and a bearded dragon. Our school pets will work with children in school. We have undertaken a significant amount of research and are aware of many benefits to having a school pets:

- A calming effect on pupils, particularly those with behavioural or learning difficulties.
- Improved behaviour and concentration reduce stress and improved self-esteem.
- Encouraging expression and participation in more withdrawn children.
- Fostering a sense of responsibility.
- Increasing enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals which will motivate the children to think and learn.
- Encouraging respect and thereby improving pupils' relationship with each other, parents and teachers.
- Teaching children to nurture and respect life.
- Helping work undertaken with the most vulnerable children and educational improvements with low achievers.
- Helping children build confidence in reading.
- Helping children who suffer bereavement or who are upset in any way and in need of calm, comfort and space before being able to tell an adult what has upset them.

Our pets will also be available to work with children who may have had bad experiences with dogs or other animals. With parental permission, over a period of time children who react fearfully to dogs will be supported in approaching, handling and gaining confidence in managing their fear.

While Luna's main place of residence will be the school office, which is secure and separate from the classrooms, children will be able to interact with her under strict supervision at certain times of the day/week as long as parental permission has been given. Luna will not be given access to other visitors without supervision and mutual consent.

Luna is a cocker spaniel as this breed is known to be child friendly, lively, gentle mannered, demonstrably affectionate yet sensitive and have an outstanding trainability. We have Rango the bearded dragon who is well trained and loves interaction with people.

We understand that it is not possible for all families to have a family dog or pet and therefore we hope that this is an opportunity for children to have a “share” in a dog/pet, gain from a relationship and contact on a regular basis and have a friend for life.

Please complete the consent form on the opposite side and return it to the school office as soon as possible. We will **not** let children interact with Luna and Rango until consent forms have been received.

Yours sincerely,



Miss V Finley
Head of School

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Please complete as appropriate:

I give / do not give permission for my child to interact with Luna / Rango		
	Yes	No
My child has a fear of dogs and I do not wish them to interact with Luna in a group or 1.1 basis (however, it is unavoidable that on occasion your child may pass Luna on the corridor).		
My child has a fear of dogs and I would like the school to help manage the fear by interacting with Luna on a 1.1 basis.		
My child has an allergy to pet hair		

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____