



Sandford St. Martin's
P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Dogs on Premises Policy 2023-25

Our mission statement: Learn Love Laugh

Safeguarding

If there are any Safeguarding issues that arise from the implementation of this policy, then they should be dealt with in accordance with the School's Safeguarding policy. Any safeguarding concerns should be referred directly to the School by telephone or in person for the attention of the Designated Safeguarding Lead along with any concerns relating to the Prevent Strategy.

Equality

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Equality Policy. The general equality duty requires that, in the exercise of their functions, schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010. This school endeavours to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations for all.

Dogs on Premises Policy

In support of the School's attention to Safeguarding and Child Protection issues, the School has determined that bringing dogs onto the premises poses a potential Health and Safety risk to the children and can also be unsettling for many as they arrive and leave school.

Therefore, **it is the School's policy that no dogs are allowed on any part of the School Site at any time** (this includes the car park unless the dog is kept fully within the vehicle).

The only exceptions are:

- **dogs registered for the visually or hearing impaired;**
- **dogs used by the emergency services; or**
- **dogs organised by the school to attend a specific purpose as deemed educational or pastorally valuable to the children.**
- **dogs with prior arrangement with the headteacher**

Where dogs are permitted on site, in line with exceptions above, owners and agencies will ensure children/staff with allergies or phobias are able to avoid the animals, including by displayed signage. Dogs will remain with and under the control of the owners at all times.

Parents will be informed of the policy via:

The school website,
Signs outside school,
The school newsletter.



SANDFORD ST MARTIN'S CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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