

Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that from today we will be welcoming 'Paddy' the guide dog, to our Bonneville Family.

Paddy is a working dog, provided by 'Guide Dogs' to support Miss Auton our EYFS and KS1 Assistant Headteacher, and will remain in her room throughout the school day.

All children will be introduced to Paddy, and the rules around guide dogs, at an assembly today delivered by 'Guide Dogs'.

It is important to emphasise, Paddy is not 'The school dog' and will be kept with Miss Auton in her room at all times. He is not required to assist Miss Auton around the building throughout the school day.

I do apologise for the very short notice on this, as the assessment and feasibility time frames are incredibly hard to judge. However, I feel proud that as a school we are committed to ensuring, as best we can, that everyone has what they need to succeed and thrive here. To support this work we are keen to establish any children who may have a significant allergy to dogs, where Paddy being kept away in a room would be an issue, by filling in this <u>survey</u>.

With this information, we can support with reminders for medication if required or pupils who must strictly be kept away.

I fully appreciate your support as I know Paddy will be well embraced by our community.

Thank you.

Regards, Ms A. Parker Executive Headteacher

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