

POLICY - 2013

Dog Policy 2013

Rationale:

To ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the Rye PS community the Rye Primary School council have agreed on the following policy

Aims:

Dogs are an important part of life for many Rye Primary School families, and as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school.

While the school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership it also acknowledges some families (and individuals) can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening. Rye Primary School aims to introduce a policy that is fair to all parties and establishes clear guidelines concerning the presence of dogs in, and close to, the school grounds.

Dogs can behave unpredictably when excited, and this can lead to accidents such as falls and dog bites. This Dog Policy aims to take into consideration the needs and expectations of all members of the Rye Primary School community and also minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the school grounds. To this end, the policy seeks to separate children from dogs in the school ground at the busiest (and noisiest) times, such as the start and end of the school day.

Existing council by-laws already cover issues such as dog restraint and the need for owners to pick up their dog's excrement. For clarity these matters will also be dealt with the school Dog Policy.

Implementation:

- Dogs must be under the control of an adult, and on-lead, at all times.
- Dogs cannot be tied-up and/or left unattended at any time.
- Owners must pick-up, and appropriately dispose of, their dog's excrement- **not in school rubbish bins.**
- **Dogs are not allowed within the school**, at the school crossing or at the school entrance between the times of **8.30am and 9.15am** and **3.00pm and 4.00pm**, from Monday to Friday, during the course of the school term.

Rye Primary School is committed to teaching children appropriate behaviour when approaching and interacting with all pets, in a bid to further minimise the risk of accidents and injury. Consultation has taken place with DEECD Legal Branch on this matter.

Evaluation:

Reviewed Annually

Endorsement:

Passed by the following:

School Council

2013

Signed: Principal:

Mark Warner: _____

School Council President _____

Name: _____