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In order to safeguard the health and welfare of pupils, staff and visitors to the School, Broadway East First School does not allow dogs on site with the exception of:

- assistance dogs
- pets belonging to the care taker/site manager
- dogs visiting pupils with an educational purpose

In the cases above where dogs are allowed on the site, this is with Governors' permission and risk assessments will be undertaken by the school. The caretaker's dog will always be on a lead and is not allowed outside at dropping off and picking up times. It is not allowed in the school building unless it is making an educational visit and a risk assessment has been undertaken.

Dogs are not allowed to be carried on site, including in the case of small dogs and puppies.

Dog owners should consider the safety of tethering dogs outside the school site. Parents and carers are informed by the school that they must be confident that the dog is able to be left unattended without being distressed or becoming aggressive due to other dogs, movement, noises or people. Dogs are the responsibility of their owners, even when unattended.

The headteacher will enforce the policy on a day-to-day basis and has the right to request owners to remove animals from the school grounds.

Parents and carers will be reminded of this policy by appropriate signage at school entrances and by information via newsletters.

Anyone who persistently brings a dog/dogs onto the site in contravention of the governors' policy will be denied future access except by prior arrangement and may be banned from the school site.

Under powers conferred in the Education Act 1996 [section 547] the police and Local Authority can remove anyone refusing to leave the school site and may prosecute anyone who makes a nuisance or creates a disturbance.

(Please note that this policy does not apply to Assisted Persons' Dogs)