

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Leadership Team and Governors have introduced a Therapy Dog here at Rushey Mead Primary School. Children will be able to benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. It is for these reasons that we are delighted to formally introduce you and child/ren to Harper and hope the children can take great enjoyment from interactions with her.



We have developed a risk assessment and a policy that outlines how we will care for and manage our dog and her activities in school. These can be viewed on our Therapy Dog page on the school website.

Please ensure that any dog allergies are reported to the office via the form at the end of this letter, together with the usual medical evidence to support this. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that there are no further allergies to report in relation to our Therapy Dog. If your child has a fear of dogs, please could you also let the school office know.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



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**Please return to the School IF your child has allergies to dogs.**

**School Dog**

My child..... in ..... Class, is allergic to dogs

and will not be able to interact or spend time with Harper, the school dog.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_