



School Dog Consent Form

Milo is a 6-month-old Cockapoo crossbreed dog owned and cared for by Mr Aaron Sherwood.

Milo is hypoallergenic, gentle, exceptionally friendly and loves spending time with people.

There are many benefits to having a school dog and we believe it has a positive impact on various aspects of school life. Numerous research studies have shown the benefits of school dogs in schools.

Dogs teach children responsibility, develop care, consideration and empathy. They teach children compassion, socialisation, promote children's enjoyment at being in school, wellbeing, increase confidence, enjoyment and progress when reading.

Your consent is required in order for your young person to interact with the school dog.

I agree that my young person will be expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- there must be an authorised adult present during all interactions
- always approach the school dog calmly (voice and movement)
- always approach the school dog slowly
- never run up to the school dog
- to start an interaction, the back of a hand will be offered for the school dog to sniff
- keep noise levels low during interaction with the school dog
- only the authorised adult can move any of the school dog's resources, including food and treat.
- only the supervising adult can participate in the school dog's toileting needs
- no visiting adult or child will give them any food/treats
- there must not be any interaction with the school dog whilst he is eating
- after all interactions with the school dog, hands must be washed with soap and water/ hand gel.

If the guidelines are not followed, interaction with the school dog will be stopped immediately. At all times of interaction, there must be an authorised adult who takes the lead role when interacting with the school dog.

These guidelines apply to all adults and children.

Once interaction permission has been given, no child shall be forced to interact with the school dog if this makes them feel unhappy or uncomfortable in anyway.

At all times, interaction with the school dog must be controlled and safe for adults, children and the school dog

For further information, a full Bowden House School Dog Policy is available upon request.

I hereby consent for my young person to interact with the school dog.

Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Student's name	
Animal Allergies	
Animal Phobias	
Any negative experiences with animals (if yes please provide details)	

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