



All Parents/ Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have recently acquired a Therapy Dog for Marriot Primary School. Governors made a decision to introduce a Therapy Dog. Children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog. It is for these reasons that we are delighted to formally introduce all of our parents and children to Winnie.

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

Although Winnie will not be visiting classes just yet, she will be undertaking her reading duties when lockdown is over. Please ensure that any dog allergies are reported to the office 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 the Therapy Dog.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Ms R Neill**  
**Mrs S Crichton**  
**Co-Headteachers**