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Dear Parents.

I am pleased to share with you that Millie, a Cavapoo dog, will call James Wolfe Primary School home during school hours. Millie spent the first two years of her life as a school dog at Invicta Primary School and the positive benefits to the children were amazing.

She lives with me when not at school and I will ensure that Millie is healthy and fit to be in school at all times. She is registered with a vet in Greenwich and is up to date (and will be kept up to date) with immunisations, fleas and worming.

The safety of children and Millie are paramount and I have completed a robust risk assessment. All children have had a workshop with the Dogs Trust which has shown the children how to be present with a dog.

We have ensured that a dog in school can have as natural a life as possible while in the school building and introduced Millie into school life gradually so that she happily adapts to her home. The following precautions have been undertaken:

- Research into the most appropriately natured dog indicates Millie is well suited to working and playing with children. The dog is regularly groomed and checked for any infections or illnesses.
- Dogs Trust workshops for all children.
- Visits to the vet take place regularly and she will have all necessary inoculations.
- Millie is wormed following the vet's schedule.
- Millie's claws are trimmed to reduce the risk of scratching.
- She has plenty of exercise. She exercises before working with children.
- Millie has undertaken puppy training classes from a reputable trainer and will continue to attend training
 if and when deemed necessary.

We appreciate that not all families and children are comfortable with dogs and I will respect parental wishes for any child not to come into direct contact with Millie. Please notify the office if this is the case. She will be on a lead when with children except in controlled supervised circumstances.

I also want to thank you for continuing to leave your dog at the school gate. Although we will have a school dog, we are unable to allow other dogs on the school premises.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria Gallagher Headteacher