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School Therapy Dog

Dear Parents

Caring for mental wellbeing has always been important and during these testing times, even more critical than ever. With this in mind, we will be beginning a new initiative with the introduction of a therapy dog in school.

Leo, a 9-month-old Labrador mix, has been training for this role and is due to start his next stage of training with short sessions of conditioning in the school environment. During this training period, and with Covid restrictions in place, his time in school and mixing with pupils will be limited.

Once Leo's training is complete, it is hoped that he will be able to directly help pupils who suffer with anxiety, be a reading buddy and support in curriculum areas such as with PSHE and Science.

A comprehensive risk assessment has been made and can be viewed on the school website.

However, we do realise that some pupils may not feel comfortable around dogs or suffer with allergies. Should you wish to raise any concerns about your child coming into contact with Leo then please do not hesitate to contact school.

If your child does have any allergies it is important this is also shared with school so that records can be updated.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Head Teacher

