

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 14th February each class within the school will take part in a lesson to help them learn how to be safe around dogs. There will be a second session on Friday 16th May.

For many families, dogs are an important member of their household. Whilst they are family, it is very important that children understand how to behave around dogs, including recognising 'doggy signals'. The purpose of these sessions is to educate children about being safe around dogs and enable them to have necessary knowledge to be safe when encountering unfamiliar dogs. These sessions also aim to empower children with the knowledge to feel more confident around dogs. The lessons will look at what to do when a dog approaches, how to interact with a dog, how a dog communicates and what it is saying and how to respect a dog.

This course will be delivered by Josie Shahabeddin, who is a dog trainer specialising in children and dogs and is an Approved Kids Around Dogs (KAD) Professional which enables her to work with children to help them understand how to behave around dogs, listen to what dogs are saying and importantly how to respect dogs.

A dog **will** be brought into school for the sessions. Her name is Lola:



Please inform school:

If you do not wish for your child to take part in the lesson

If you do not wish for videos or photographs to be taken of your child during the session.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school directly.

Regards

Head Teacher

