



St. Jude's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Therapy Dog Visits

Once again Bell the therapy dog will be visiting our School. Over the school year she will visit every classroom, starting on Wednesday 21st October in Year 1.

In order to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students, we are required to identify any pupils who may have a dog-related allergy or medical condition. If you wish to communicate any of the above to us, please do so using the prompts below.

If your child has an allergy or medical concern relating to dogs, please email **admin@st-judes.info** with the following information:

Student's full name

Details of any allergy or medical condition relating to dogs

Any preventative measures, medication or treatment required

No response is required if your child does not have a dog-related allergy or medical condition. In the absence of any communication from you, we will assume that you have no concerns regarding your child's proximity to, or supervised interaction with the therapy dog.

For clarification, a **therapy dog** is distinct from an **assistance dog**. Assistance dogs are trained to support the specific needs of an individual and typically work exclusively with that person (for example, a guide dog assisting a person with a visual impairment). A therapy dog, by contrast, is trained to interact with and provide wellbeing support to a range of individuals within educational and community settings.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Wall
Headteacher