



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

June 2022

I wanted to write to you in order to share some exciting news and simultaneously welcome a new member of staff who will be joining us at Cedar in September. The new addition is in fact a dog which will be trained to become a therapy dog to support the learning and needs of the children. The dog will be primarily based in Cesia's office and will support our pupils both individually and within small groups. The dog will be visiting the school over the summer holidays to become familiar with the surroundings.

The dog is a double doodle breeding from the mum (a golden doodle) and the dad (a labradoodle). These dogs are renowned for their love for people and this particular hybrid dog, has an outgoing happy disposition, a good temperament and a non-malting coat, making it most suitable for the medical needs of our pupils. Their playful personality has made them a popular dog breed, and they engage old and young alike with their intelligent nature. Coupled with a forgiving temperament, they make the perfect child friendly dog. The parentage ensures they are easy to train.

Evidence from other schools shows a multitude of benefits which come from working with animals, and this fantastic opportunity is something we are proud to be able to offer to our pupils. Not only is a dog a useful intervention for pupils who may struggle with social and cognitive skills, but there is significant evidence to show that children with emotional, learning or behavioural difficulties can benefit enormously from the presence and interaction of companion animals.

We are very much looking forward to the dog joining us and look forward to sharing further adventures with you, however should you not wish your child to interact with the dog, please complete the slip below and return to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email either of us or Neil and we will be more than happy to help. Attached are some photos of the puppies.

Yours sincerely,

Molly Flood
Class Teacher

Emma Charlton
Class Teacher

I do not want my child _____, _____ Class, to access the dog at any time in school.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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