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Dear Parents,

Update on Loki (NPA's School dog)

We are very excited to update you on Loki, our school dog. As you may know, Loki lives with Mr Trainor and has remained in the school office since he has been with us. He is now becoming more accustomed to his surroundings and will shortly be introduced more widely to the children and staff, learning more about his role and responsibilities in the process. We will be talking to the children about how to behave around him before he is fully introduced to them and will make sure they all feel safe around him. At the same time, we want to ensure Loki also feels safe around the children. Loki has had all his veterinary checks and received the required vaccinations, flea and worm treatment.



Dogs in schools have many known benefits; They are used to support children with social and emotional learning needs, which in turn can assist with literacy development. Research into the effects of dogs in schools is showing a range of benefits including: increase in school attendance and gains in confidence, improvement in academic achievement, motivation for less attentive pupils, teaching responsibility and respect to all life, providing calmness and increase self-esteem.

Further information can be found via <https://www.dogsforgood.org/community-dog/community-dogs-schools/community-dog-for-schools-benefits/>

Our 'School Dog' policy will be available to view on the school website. This includes some frequently asked questions and answers. All interaction with Loki will be within Local Authority guidelines.

Please follow the link below and complete the consent form as soon as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mr Trainor or email enquiries@northbrookpa.org.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1yyn0vIGMUC1ynqX3Aoe4-9TYGwRKdIFofADO_q59mRUQUhYVU5DM0IIQjBRWVZJQU5TWFNZWFNUNy4u

Yours sincerely,

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