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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL THERAPY DOG

We are thrilled to announce some exciting news that we believe will greatly enhance the educational experience of our pupils – introducing 'Rocket', the therapy dog!

We recognise the numerous benefits that having a school dog on site can bring, including emotional support, stress relief, and creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere, not to mention contributing to the overall well-being of our pupils, and staff.

Research has shown that interactions with animals can have a profound impact on mental health and social development. Dogs, in particular, are known for their ability to provide comfort and companionship, making them excellent additions to educational environments.

Rocket has undergone rigorous training and certification to ensure he is well behaved and suited to interact with pupils of all ages. Additionally, as part of this trial, we will further enhance guidelines and protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of both our pupils and Rocket.

We understand that some parents/carers may have some concerns or questions about the introduction of a school dog. Please know what we are committed to addressing any concerns and ensuring that this program is implemented in a responsible and effective manner. If you have any questions or would like to more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email head@ismchs.com.

We are thrilled about the positive impact that Rocket will have on our school community and look forward to seeing the joy and excitement they will bring to our pupils' faces.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



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