



## ***St. Francis' College***

### ***Personal Pet Policy***

The 'College' refers to all the staff and pupils of the Prep Department and Senior School which includes Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS), Pre-Prep (Key Stage 1), Prep (Key Stage 2), and Senior School (Key Stages 3-5).

This Policy has been written for the health and safety of pupils, staff, visitors and contractors on the St. Francis' College site. The College has a policy that no pets will be kept in the Boarding House accommodation except as follows;

On a case by case basis and at the Head's discretion (but capped at two) residential staff may be permitted to keep a personal pet on site provided the following code of practice is adhered to at all times:

- Permission must be obtained from the Head or the Bursar prior to taking ownership of a personal pet to be housed on site.
- Every personal pet must be house trained and registered with the Bursar before being permitted on site. The Register will account for the name and breed of the pet, the name and address of its owners and a letter/certificate of its vaccination history from a registered practising veterinary surgeon, to ensure that the pets are free of internal and external parasites, particularly roundworm and have up to date inoculations against Tetanus and Parvo. If the pet is a dog and has been abroad recently, you should have evidence of a recent Rabies inoculation.
- A dog kept on site must be wormed regularly.
- Dogs must be exercised off site to prevent fouling on the College grounds.
- All dog owners must ensure they always have the means to collect all faeces immediately if their dog has accidentally fouled. Persistent failure to do so will result in the dog being excluded from the site.
- Dogs must wear a collar and be kept on a lead when in public or common areas. They should only be off lead in residential staff accommodation or private offices.
- Personal pets are not permitted in classrooms or teaching areas, unless they are dogs specifically trained to assist the blind or partially sighted.
- Dogs belonging to a member of staff with boarding duties may be kept in the Boarding areas, but must be kept under close control when other members of staff, pupils or visitors are present. Dog owners must ensure that their dog is under control at all times as it is a criminal offence to have a dog which is dangerously out of control in a public place.
- Dogs should not be allowed to bark so that it causes a nuisance or disturbance. The school will have a duty to investigate any such complaint made and, if substantiated, the dog will have to be controlled or removed from site.

Pit Bull Terriers and other dogs as prohibited by DEFRA under the dangerous Dogs Act 1991 will not be permitted on school grounds at any time. In addition to this, the school retains the right to exclude any

dog which it considers to be a potential danger to pupils, staff and visitors or proves to be anti-social in anyway.

Staff should report to the Bursar any incidents of dogs on site exhibiting threatening or vicious behaviour or barking excessively for continuous periods.

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