



School Dog- Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What breed is Luna, and why was she chosen?

A: Luna is a Lhasa Poo (a cross between a Lhasa Apso and a Poodle). This breed is hypoallergenic and non-shedding, minimizing any risk of allergic reactions among staff and pupils.

Q: Who owns Luna?

A: Luna belongs to Mrs Read, who takes full responsibility for her health, veterinary care, vaccinations, and overall well-being.

Q: Where will Luna be kept during the school day?

A: Luna will be based in the school offices. She will never be allowed to roam freely around the school building or grounds.

Q: Will Luna ever be left alone with children?

A: No. Luna will be accompanied by an adult at all times and will never be left unsupervised with pupils.

Q: How will Luna interact with the children?

A: Once settled, Luna will support children in structured ways—such as listening to them read, providing emotional comfort when a child is stressed or upset, or participating as a class mascot.

Q: What if my child is allergic to dogs or afraid of them?

A: Children will only interact with Luna if explicit parental permission has been granted. Luna will be kept in the office area away from main traffic routes, ensuring children who are fearful or allergic can easily avoid contact.

Q: Is Luna used to being around children?

A: Yes, Luna is well-socialized and comfortable around children. She has also visited the school during holiday periods to familiarize herself with the surroundings.

Q: How will Luna start her time at school?

A: Luna will begin gradually by visiting one day a week to get comfortable with the routine before slowly building up her planned interactions with children.

Q: What about our visits from Therapy Pets and Bobbin?

A: Our partnership with Therapy Pets remains unchanged! Bobbin will continue to visit the school regularly alongside Luna's presence.

Q: Where can I see the Risk Assessment?

A: A full risk assessment covering health, safety, and hygiene is published on the school website.