



28th August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Dogs on School Site

As you may be aware, Manor Drive Primary Academy and the Secondary Academy will continue to grow in size from September 2025. As part of our preparations for this expansion, we are reviewing and updating some of our organisational practices to ensure the Health and Safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, and wider community.

One important change that the Four Cs Trust is introducing from September is that the entire academy site, including the external gates and car parks, will become a **Dog-Free Zone**.

While we understand this may be disappointing for those who have previously brought dogs onto the premises, we ask for your support and understanding. As our school community grows, the risks associated with dogs on site also increase, including:

- **Risk of bites or attacks:** Not all children or adults are familiar with how to safely interact with dogs. Some may approach unfamiliar animals without understanding the risks. Additionally, some dogs may react unpredictably to the noise and movement of a busy school environment.
- **Anxiety and fear:** A number of children and adults may have had distressing past experiences with dogs and can become anxious or fearful in their presence. Even calm dogs may bark or react unexpectedly, which can be unsettling.
- **Allergies:** Some individuals suffer allergic reactions to dog fur, saliva, or dander, which can be triggered by even brief exposure.

To help us maintain a safe, inclusive environment for everyone, we kindly request that all dogs be left at home or remain in vehicles during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Marks
Headteacher