



Tuesday 3rd September 2019

**School Therapy Dog**

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing with some exciting news. You may remember that Ellesmere College has an intervention dog who comes in once per week. This has been such a success that the school governors have agreed for us to buy and train our very own school dog.

The school dog is called Ted and is a cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel crossed with a poodle) which has been chosen specifically for his calm, nurturing nature and hypo-allergenic qualities. Ted will be in school every day and will be part of our Ellesmere family. He will be in school from Monday 16th September and will be undergoing puppy training to become a therapy dog. Throughout his training he will be working with children on a 1:1 or small group basis. Once fully trained, Ted will be able to support pupils with their learning and wider emotional needs.

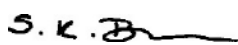
Please meet our new school therapy dog, Ted!



Please complete and return the consent form attached stating whether or not you are happy for your child to have contact with the dog. This information will be recorded on SIMS as part of your child's record so if this changes at any time, please let us know.



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Stephanie Beale
Principal



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Please return to Jo Mason (PA to the Principal)

Student Name _____

Tutor group _____

I give permission for my child to have direct contact with the school dog. YES NO

If you have said NO please indicate the reason below:

Allergy

Phobia

Other Please state _____

Signed _____ Date _____