



Waterbeach Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really excited to tell you that Waterbeach Community Primary School is going to have an official 'Pets As Therapy' dog named Bailey, in school, for special sessions with some children.

Bailey is a family dog who has been passed as a PAT dog, after undergoing a number of tests, vaccinations, flea and worming treatments. He has public liability insurance. He has been approved because of his calm and friendly behaviour. Bailey will not be attending lessons and can only work with individuals whilst on the lead and controlled by his owner Karen Graves. He will always be with her and usually in the front offices so he is not overwhelmed by the number of children in school. There will be a complete risk assessment undertaken.

Bailey's work will be to support, comfort and encourage children and staff. They will have time to talk with him, maybe read to him and possibly make physical contact. It has been proven that dogs can offer children unconditional support in a way that people may not be able to. I think that our inclusion work in school will gain tremendously by having Bailey's support. It must be noted that all work with Bailey will be with the child's agreement.

Bailey will be a member of staff. In that vein he does not succumb to our 'No dogs' on site rule. I am very excited to tell the children and staff about this venture and to start planning his work with our Inclusion Department. Mrs Tregoing will be in touch with further details at a later date through the newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jane Green

Head teacher

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