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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, safeguarding our pupils is at the very centre of what we do in school. We ensure that whilst in school, children are safe, happy and can thrive personally and academically.

Recently, we have seen an increase in pupils attending school with injuries caused by pets at home and more specifically dogs. Though most injuries are small scratches, we have found some more significant cuts caused by playing with their dogs at home. To support you and your children, we have attached with this letter a guide that we sent home previously when The Dogs Trust visited our school last year. This guidance helps children to recognise when a dog may not want to be approached and how to act appropriately with their dog.

We recommend that you read through this guidance with your children and hopefully this will remind the children of how to act around dogs.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Parkinson

Mr Parkinson Headteacher

