



Q Is there going to be a dog roaming around the school as it pleases?

A No, there will always be very thorough planning and supervision related to all of the dogs movements.

Q How do I let the school know about some concerns specific to my child?

A All families will be given the opportunity to give us information that we will need to be aware of and plan for.

Q Where does the dog live?

A The dog lives with a primary carer who is usually a staff member at the school. School announcements will inform you of these details.

Q How often will the dog be at school?

A The school dog will start out attending 1-2 days per week and may build up to a maximum of 3-4 days per week.

Q What if my child is allergic to dogs?

A This information will be collated by the school and your child can be included on many different levels without being at risk.

Q Will the dog be too distracting for my child's learning?

A This program, when done well, has proven to have far more positive impacts on learning than negative.

Q How is having a dog at school good for my child?

A When connection is built authentically between human and animal we see reduced anxiety, lowered heart rates, increased social and emotional development and more.

Q What if the dog bites someone?

A In our policy manual we have a strict protocol that will deal with any such issues should they arise.

Q What if my child is scared of dogs?

A Fear is something that will be respected and acknowledged as very real. We hope to discuss this with anyone who needs to.

Q Is this dog just for the kids with high needs?

A The school wellbeing dog will become a very familiar member of our entire community, not just for specific individuals or cohorts.

Q Can my child play or interact with the school dog?

A We will be looking to create as many possibilities to create connections between any interested students and the school dog, however, this may take some time.

Q Is the dog at risk of too much stimulation at school?

A If the school dog is living a really balanced work life, aligned with the Dogs Connect training model, we believe a healthy state will be sustained.