

**MURPH
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Murphy is a therapy dog in training, so while he's here, he's not a pet.

A school therapy dog is a specially trained dog who helps people feel calm, safe, and happy at school.

When they are fully trained, therapy dogs can:

- Sit quietly with students who need a break
- Help people feel less worried or upset
- Join classrooms to support learning in a calm way
- Be a friendly and comforting presence around the school



Therapy dogs are trained to stay calm, gentle, and focused, even in busy places like schools.

Murphy is still learning these skills, which is why he needs lots of space and time to practise before he is ready for this important role.

The biggest thing that will help him succeed is consistency from all of us.



This term, Murphy is just learning and watching.

He'll mostly be in the office, and sometimes he might watch from a distance to get used to the sounds and activity of school.



Even though he's very cute, it's really important that students **do not** interact with him at all.

That means:

- No patting
- No calling out to him
- No trying to get his attention

I know that might feel a bit disappointing, because he's very cute—but this is part of his training.



Murphy is still learning, and it will take time. He won't be ready to be a fully trained school dog until well into next year.

The best way you can help Murphy is by:

- Ignoring him when you see him
- Walking calmly past him
- Giving him space so he can focus on his job



If we all do this, we're helping Murphy learn and succeed.

And later on, when he's ready, there may be more opportunities to interact with him.



MEET MURPHY!

OUR SCHOOL DOG IN TRAINING

Murphy is learning how to be calm, safe and confident in our school.

For this term, Murphy will **not** be interacting with students.

He will be in the office and may be watching the school environment from a distance.

Please help him by giving him space.



HOW YOU CAN HELP MURPHY



DO NOT INTERACT

Do not pat, call out to, or try to get Murphy's attention.



GIVE HIM SPACE

Walk calmly past Murphy and give him room to do his job.



LOOK FROM A DISTANCE

You can watch Murphy from afar, but do not approach him.



BE CALM AND RESPECTFUL

Your calm behaviour helps Murphy learn and focus.



Murphy is doing his training now, but he won't be a properly trained school dog until **WELL INTO NEXT YEAR.**

Thank you for helping Murphy learn and succeed!



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