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NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

College Dog: Statement

- The dog is owned by a staff member. The dog is called Charlie and is a Cavapoo breed, chosen for its very mild temperament and non-moulting coat.
- The owner will be responsible for Charlie's regular visits to the vets, injections and inoculations.
- The Principal and Executive have agreed that the Wigston campus can have a dog present during the college day.
- The college has a risk assessment and this will be reviewed annually. The risk assessment is held by Lindsay Parker and Health & Safety.
- In the event of an emergency evacuation the owner supporting Charlie, will accompany the dog to the Fire Evacuation point.
- Staff, visitors and learners known to have allergic reactions to dogs must remain at a manageable distance. Learners and parents/guardians are able to inform the college of any allergies on admission.
- If the dog is unwell, Charlie will not be allowed onto the campus.

- During the college day, the dog will be kept at the following location: Room 4-33.
- The dog will be kept on a lead and harness when moving between learning areas or in college communal areas and will be under the full control and supervision of its owner.
- There may be occasions when the dog is working off lead, but this will only happen in an enclosed space and under the control of the owner. Before removing the lead, all present will be consulted.
- Learners must never be left alone with the dog and there must be appropriate owner supervision when the dog is present with learners.
- Learners should be reminded of what is appropriate behaviour around the dog. Learners should remain calm around the dog. They should not make sudden movements and must never stare into a dog's eyes as this could be threatening for the dog. Learners should not put their face near a dog and should always approach it standing up. Learners should never go near or disturb the dog if it is sleeping or eating. Learners must not be allowed to play too roughly with the dog.
- If the dog is surrounded by a large number of learners, the dog could become nervous and agitated. Therefore, the owner in charge of the dog must ensure that the situation is monitored.
- Dogs express their feelings through their body language. Growling or baring of teeth indicate that the dog is feeling angry or threatened. Flattened ears, tail lowered or between their legs, hiding behind their owner, whining or growling are signs that the dog is frightened or nervous. If the dog is displaying any of these warning signs it should be immediately removed from that particular situation or environment, by the owner.
- Learners should not feed or eat close to the dog.
- Learners should always wash their hands after handling the dog. Anti-bacterial gel is available via dispensers across the campus.
- Any dog foul will be cleaned immediately and disposed of appropriately by the owner.