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Dear Parents/Carers,



This is Digby! Digby is going to be Godalming Junior's School Dog.

Digby is a Maltese terrier poodle cross. This breed has been chosen because of their low allergen levels and their sociable, gentle and playful nature.

Digby belongs to Mrs. Wilkinson and her family. He will attend school on the days that Mrs. Wilkinson is present. He has lived with Mrs. Wilkinson and her family since he was 8 weeks old.

Digby will be introduced to the school environment and the children gradually.

The local veterinarian practice has thoroughly checked Digby for any illnesses and is responsible for his vaccination programme. Both the school and vets' surgery keep a register of his annual health check.

Numerous research studies have shown the benefits of dogs in schools. These benefits include:

- Cognitive
- Social
- Emotional
- Physical
- Environmental

Detailed information on these benefits are included in the Policy and Risk Assessment surrounding Digby. This is available on the school website under parent information. Please note that all other dogs are not allowed on the school site.

It is accepted that interacting with animals is not appropriate for all children but that for some it has the potential to provide many positive benefits. Please complete the parental consent form below and return to the school office, however, your child can refuse interaction with Digby at any time.

We are all very excited to welcome Digby as the newest member of our staff team.

To: Mrs Wilkinson - Digby

I give permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_ class: \_\_\_\_\_ to interact with Digby.

I do not give permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_ class: \_\_\_\_\_ to interact with Digby.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(valid until child's leaving date of GJS)

