

Taradale Primary School

Dogs in School Grounds

Rationale:

- The purpose of "Dogs in the School Ground" policy is to support the promotion of a safe school environment and to ensure the safety of all whilst attending the school; through both direct and indirect contact with dogs.

Aims:

- To provide for the safety of students, toddlers, parents and others within the environment of the school yard.
- To ensure access to the school yard and buildings for people with disabilities requiring the use of dogs.

Implementation:

- Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at all times unless given approval by the Principal. The exception to this policy is for dogs that assist people with disabilities.
- It is not permitted to tether a dog at the school boundary fence.
- Taradale Primary School promotes the 'Responsible Pet Ownership Programme' for Primary Schools, to educate students in the knowledge and understanding needed for responsible pet ownership and animal care.
- "No Dogs Allowed" signs will be posted at all school gates.
- This policy will be sent home to all parents and added to the school's website.
- Any stray dogs in the school grounds will be immediately reported to the ranger for collection.

Evaluation:

This policy is due to be reviewed in 2025 as part of the school's three-year review cycle.