



# Townfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Our School Dog, Mabel



Mabel, our school dog, is delighted that all our children are back at school this week. We are sure the children are looking forward to seeing her too. Here is an update of Mabel's role in school:

- Waiting on the school gate in the morning to meet the children;
- Going for a walk with the children at playtimes;
- Supporting children's emotional needs by spending time with children who visit our learning mentor;
- Spending time in classrooms and the forest school;
- Working with small groups of children to listen to them read.

An important aspect of Mabel's role is helping children to understand how to care for animals and also gain an awareness of how to be safe around dogs. We have already seen amazing results with children who have previously been frightened of dogs, develop their confidence, to now happily stroke Mabel. However under no circumstances would we ever force children to meet Mabel. Mabel is always on a short lead when moving around school and would only freely move around classrooms, where children feel happy for this to happen.

We would like an update of information about any child who has an allergy to dogs or a fear of dogs. If you do not wish your child to come into direct contact with Mabel, please could you inform us before the end of this week – Friday 12<sup>h</sup> March 2021, by emailing [schooloffice@townfield.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@townfield.wirral.sch.uk).

For further information about Mabel see the [FAQs](#) attached and our [School Dog](#) page on our website. Should you have any queries or questions on the matter then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Durham  
Deputy Headteacher



Mabel  
School Dog

Responsible Respectful Resilient