



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 18 September 2026

DOG SAFETY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind all families about the importance of keeping dogs on a lead when arriving at and leaving the school site.

We recognise that many families enjoy bringing their dogs on the school run, and we appreciate the role that pets play in an active family life. However, the busy nature of the school entrance means that there are important health and safety considerations for all members of our community.

Some children can feel anxious or frightened around dogs, regardless of how friendly or well-behaved they may be. In addition, some pupils and members of staff have allergies to pet hair and dander, which can be exacerbated through close contact.

To help ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable when entering and leaving school, we kindly ask that **all dogs are kept on a lead at all times when near the school gates and surrounding areas during drop-off and collection times.**

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of our school community.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Andrew Bright
Headteacher