

Tuesday 8th September '26

Dear Parents/Carers,

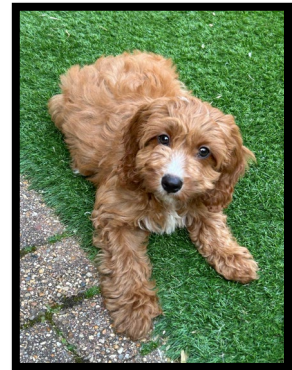
RE: EYFS Introduction to Our School Dog

Archie is a Cavapoo, who joined Kinson Academy last academy Year. Archie is based in our Inclusion provision, and he supports pupils' wellbeing, emotional regulation, and engagement with learning.

Research shows that school dogs can have a positive impact on children's confidence, behaviour, and overall wellbeing.

Archie will always be:

- Supervised by a member of staff
- Kept in a designated area (Inclusion Office) when not visiting pupils
- Provided with a crate/bed as a safe, no-disturbance space
- Involved in structured and risk-assessed interactions only



No child will be required to interact with the dog if they do not wish to. The safety and comfort of all children is our top priority. There is a full risk assessment and procedures, including:

- Supervised interactions at all times
- Clear rules taught to children about how to behave around the dog
- Strict hygiene routines (including handwashing before and after contact)
- Designated areas where the dog will and will not be present

The policy and Risk Assessment can be found on the Academy website using the following link
<https://www.kinson-academy.co.uk/Policy-and-Document-Zone/>

To support us in finalising our procedures for RAR 2026 year group, please click on this link to complete the required information. [School Dog Form – Fill out form](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

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