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"We Only Reach for The Highest"

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Dear Parents / Carers who are dog owners

I do hope you can do me a massive favour.

This morning I have been contacted by a number of parents who have children who are scared of dogs, and are worried about coming into school each morning. They are then becoming more and more anxious as the day in school progresses, waiting for the time that they may see a dog at home time by the pupil gate. One or two of our children are terrified of dogs, and although we know they would never come to any harm, the children themselves sadly don't see it that way.

I am delighted that so many parents and children are walking to school these days and it is clear to see that many more of our families now have welcomed loving dogs into their families. It makes perfect sense to walk your dog when dropping off or picking up your children.

Now comes the favour.

I wonder if you could be mindful of not being beside the pupil gate with your dogs? If you could cross to the other side of Worthington Road with your dog, when seeing your child in and waiting for them to leave the school, that would be amazing. I know that might be difficult but I want to be able to know that every child feels happy entering and exiting school. I know that the thought of any of our little ones dreading the start or end of the day will be upsetting to us all, and frankly the very last thing that any of us would want.

Many thanks everybody, I really do appreciate your understanding.

Yours

Mr. C. Searle