



Churton Park School

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Dogs on School Grounds

Churton Park School values the benefits that interactions with animals can bring to our school community. We encourage appropriate behaviour when interacting with dogs so that students have a positive experience and to reduce the risk of accident or injury.

Guidelines

Visiting dogs must have no history of aggression towards people and must be fully trustworthy in a school environment. Owners bringing a dog on to school grounds must follow the guidelines below. Disability assist dogs and support/therapy dogs are welcome at Churton Park School and may be allowed inside school buildings.

- Dogs must be on a leash held by an adult, and kept reasonably close to the adult.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be muzzled on school property.
- Dogs are not allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.

We report any stray dogs to animal control, and use our **reverse evacuation** procedure if there is a threat to the safety of students and staff.

Legislation

- Dog Control Act 1996

Resources

- New Zealand Institute of Animal Management: [Training Dogs and Being Safe](#) 

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