



28th April 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to you asking for your thoughts and opinions about River Bank having a school therapy dog. The role of the school therapy dog will be to support children's wellbeing through targeted interventions, helping children to regulate and to teach children and families how to safely interact with the dog.

When the dog is in school it will be closely supervised at all times, when walking around school the dog will be on a lead with one of the trained handlers.

Some of the benefits to the school community of a therapy dog are;

- Improves self esteem
- Helps reluctant readers
- Teaches children how to safely behave around dogs
- Reduces stress and anxiety

Please complete the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/Cbrv56DybX> to share your thoughts and feelings by 9.00am on the 5th May 2025.

Best wishes,
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