



# Burlington Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to introduce our school dog/therapy dog. Eddie is a small pug (x breed) who 'works' at the school. Eddie is an experienced therapy dog/school dog who has successfully worked at our school and at another local school for a number of years. Eddie is a fully trained school dog and an assessment of his behaviour has been carried out. Eddie works in the office upstairs and receives visits from children daily.

School/therapy dogs can help to give pupils opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of well-being, teach children how to look after animals, and help children with self-regulation and self-esteem. Children will be chosen to visit Eddie to show him their good work, or talk about their kind choices. Eddie also helps children who are struggling with coming into school, or may be going through a tricky time. He is a great listener and has a calming effect on the children!

Eddie will have short walks around the school, to start getting to know some of the new classes. During his visits, Eddie will always be kept on a lead, accompanied by his adult and we will start getting the children used to his visits. We will never make a child touch or go near Eddie if they do not want to. Children will be taught to stand away and wave or watch Eddie from a distance if they feel anxious around dogs or animals.

This will be a special time for the children, as they will have a chance to get to know Eddie throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions, or do not want your child to have any contact with Eddie, please can you email me through the school office, with your child's name, class and question/comments.

Thank you in advance for your support

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Yay-Walker  
Headteacher

