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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share some wonderful news with you about an exciting new initiative at our school.

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the well-being and emotional development of our pupils we are introducing a school dog to our community.

Our school dog, Bella, a Cavapoochon, will be a gentle and trained companion who will primarily serve as a source of comfort, support, and engagement for our pupils. Bella will be under the supervision of Miss Allen at all times. Miss Allen and Bella are currently undergoing a rigorous training course to ensure that Bella is safe around children. Bella will have specific roles such as helping to reduce stress, supporting pupils with special needs and creating a calming environment during certain activities.

Here is some key information regarding our school dog program:

1. **Emotional Support:** Research has shown that interacting with dogs can reduce stress and anxiety, helping pupils to focus and feel more comfortable in the school environment.
2. **Social Skills Development:** Having a school dog provides pupils with opportunities to practice kindness, responsibility, and empathy through supervised interactions.
3. **Safety and Supervision:** Bella will be carefully integrated into the school routine and will only be present during designated times. Miss Allen is receiving training on how to handle and care for the dog, ensuring a safe and positive experience for everyone.
4. **Allergy and Comfort Considerations:** As Bella is a Cavapoochon she has a hypoallergenic coat. A lot of people are allergic to dogs because of shedding fur and the protein released from it, but you do not have to worry about that with this popular dog breed.

We are confident that Bella will become an enriching part of our school environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school a nurturing and inspiring place for all pupils.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Waddington'.

Mr Waddington